

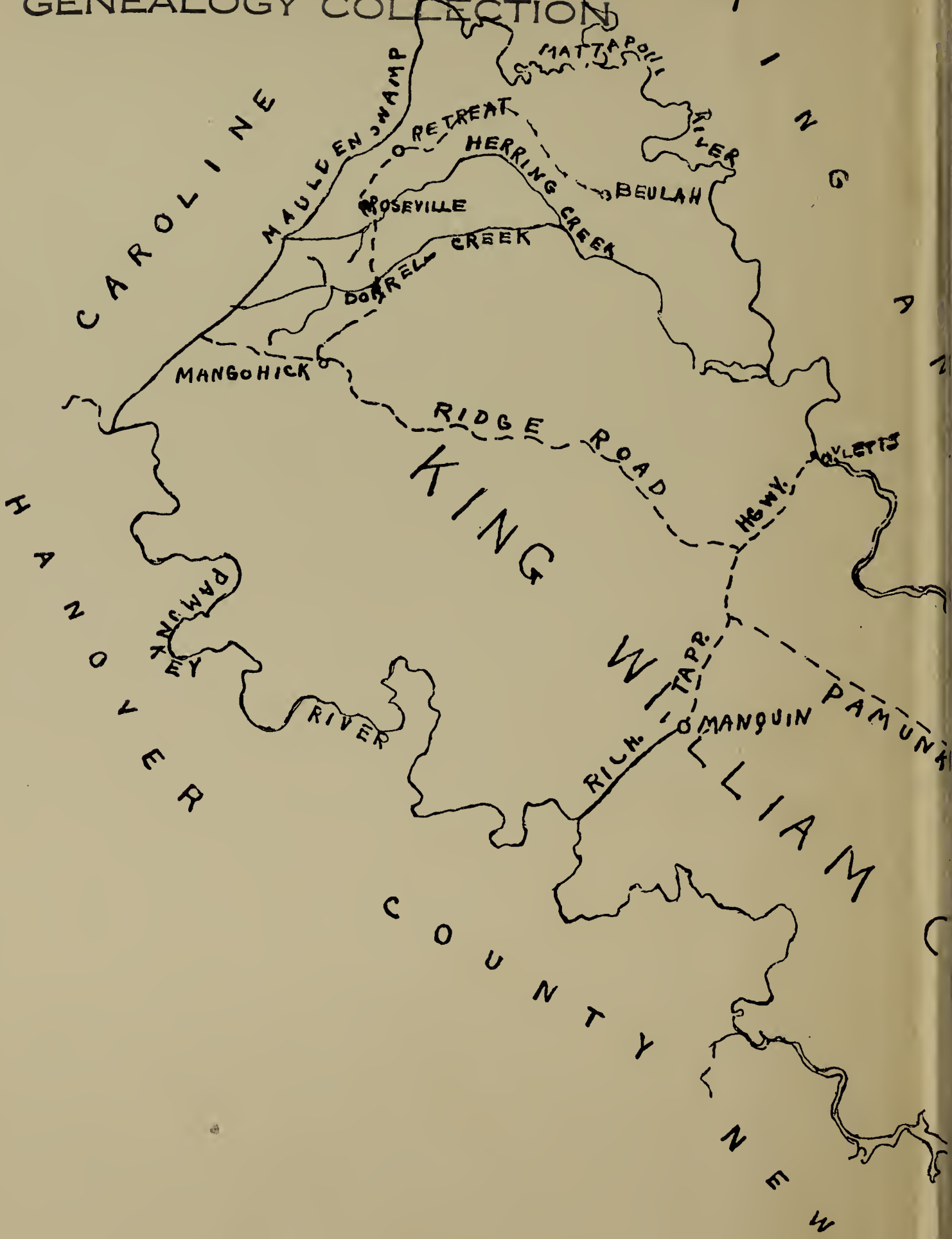
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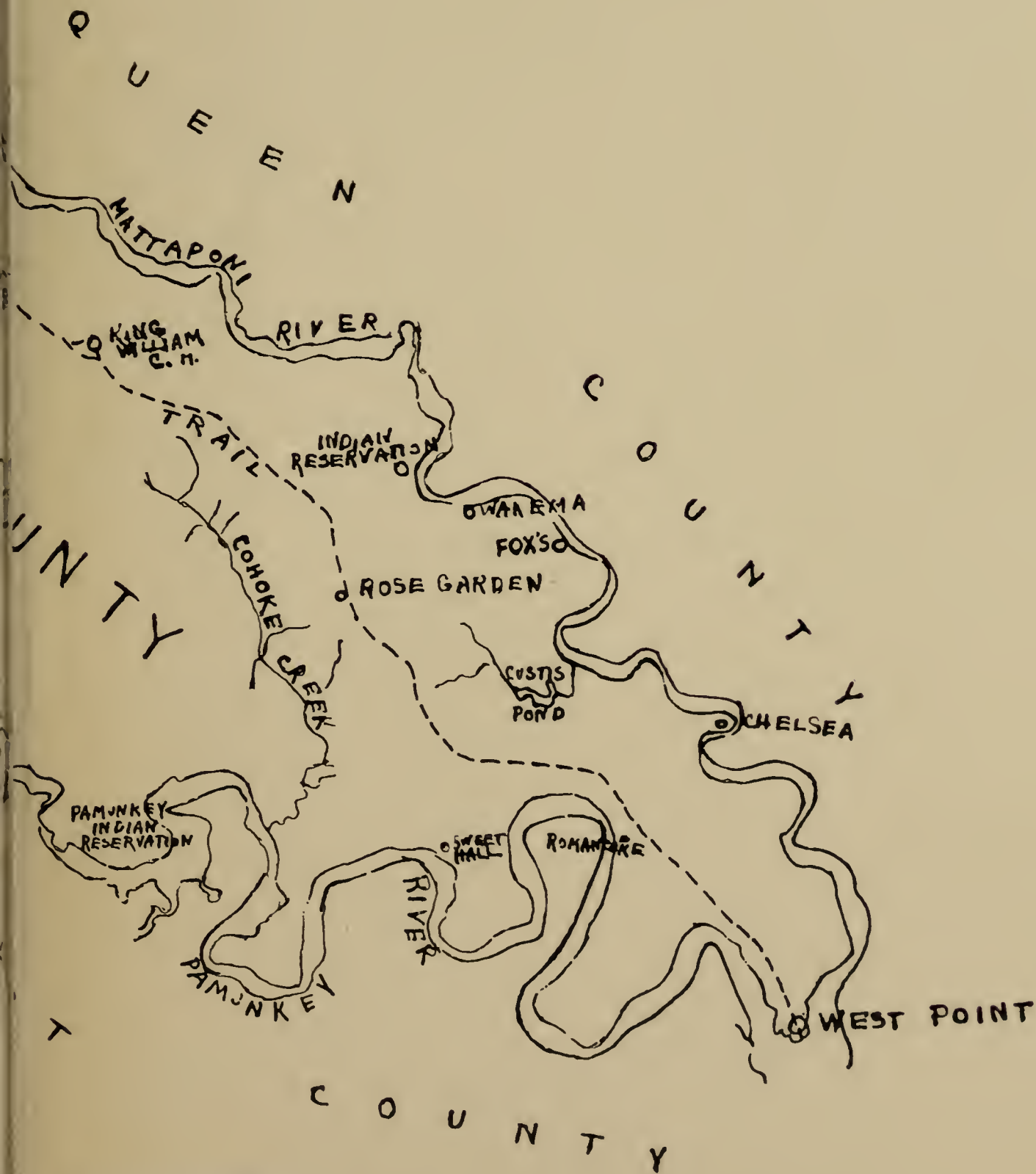
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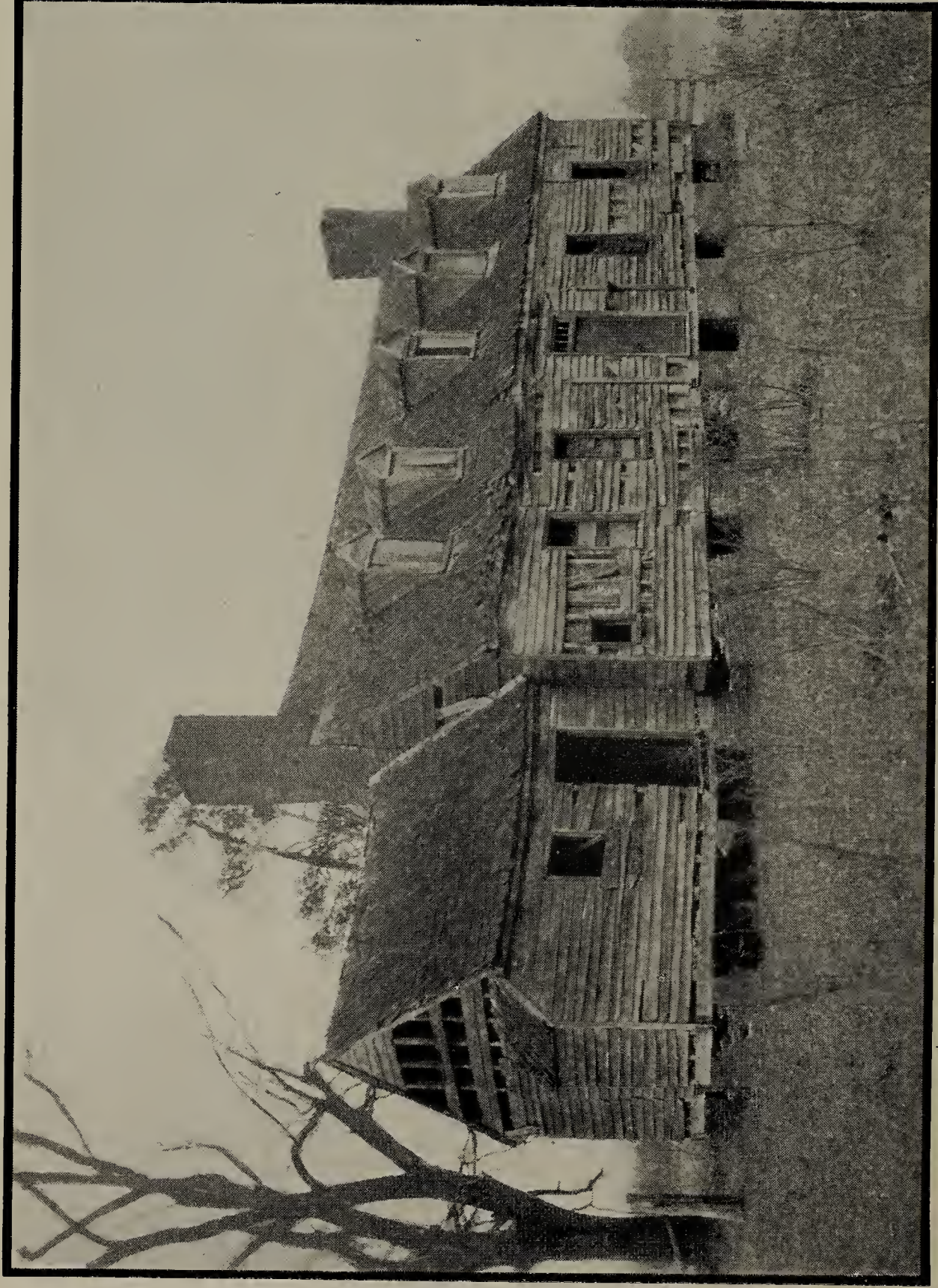




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"FOX'S" ON THE MATTAPONI RIVER, BUILT BY EITHER HENRY FOX (1650-1714) OR BY HIS SON
THOMAS FOX, WHO RECEIVED A ROYAL GRANT ON THE MATTAPONI IN 1713.

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OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY
ANCESTORS, DESCENDANTS,
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*"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."*

—ALEXANDER POPE.

Dedicated
TO
MARY M. COCKE
THE DEAREST OF DAUGHTERS
AND TO THE OTHER
DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN JOHN FOX

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FOREWORD

EARLY in 1929 there was conceived the thought that a spend-the-day party for the descendants of Captain John Fox of King William County, Virginia, might be an interesting and enjoyable affair.

Scores of letters were dispatched, and two hundred and forty-eight great, great-great, and great-great-great-grandchildren of Captain Fox were discovered. To the proposal that a gathering be held at the home built by Captain Fox in 1807, there was an enthusiastic response; and on Saturday, July 27th, a few weeks after the one hundred and sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of John Fox, a large number of his descendants, many from long distances and some from other States, met on the beautiful lawn of the old home, which had long since gone out of the family, but which was graciously lent by the present owner.

Many of the descendants were strangers to one another, and tracing the ties of kinship was a thrilling experience. A program of family history and of music and a bountiful picnic dinner promoted better acquaintance.

Those who attended this first family party voted to hold a reunion the following year. The second gathering was held on Saturday, June 28, 1930, at "Ellington," Hanover County, formerly the residence of Thomas Henry Fox, the oldest son of Captain John Fox and his second wife, Frances (Woolfolk) Fox. On this occasion an organization was effected under the name "Association of the Descendants of Captain John Fox of King William County, Virginia." Since 1930 there have been annual meetings of the clan at different places of interest.

As their knowledge of family history and connections increased, the members of the Association expressed the wish that they might have the facts regarding the family recorded in permanent form. This book has been compiled in an effort to gratify that wish.

To the many cousins who have graciously sent me copies of family records, I wish to express my sincere thanks; also to the attendants at the State Library and the Virginia Land Office, for

their very patient and kindly help; to my daughter for her valuable assistance as editor and typist; and to all others who by their interest and encouragement have made possible the preparation and publication of this volume.

Though I have tried very hard to obtain authentic and full information and to avoid errors in its presentation, some flaws may be found. If so, I can only ask pardon and plead good intention and honest effort.

E. M. C.

*Richmond, Virginia,
April, 1939.*

ERRATA

- p. 103 -- The mother of William James Cocke was Nannie T. (Bagby) Cocke, not Catherine. The date of death of William James Cocke was November 20, 1920.
- p. 105 -- The date of marriage of William Elliott Fox and Sallie Gwathmey Gravatt was June 24, 1908.
- p. 127 -- The year of the marriage of Adele Fox and Charles McCurdy was 1888.

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

"Pamunkey Neck" was the early name of that section of Tidewater Virginia which lies between the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey Rivers and which is now known as King William County. It is about thirty-two miles in length, and at its greatest width is eight miles across.

Some of the most prominent and aristocratic families in Virginia received royal grants and settled on the banks of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers, and King William is distinguished for the many notable men whom it contributed to the making of the early history of the Colony and of the Commonwealth.

King William, as well as King and Queen, was originally a part of New Kent County. Pamunkey Neck and that portion of New Kent which lay north of the Pamunkey and York Rivers in 1690 became a separate county known as King and Queen. The following year an acre of land, "where the Court House stands," was conveyed to the new county by Edmund Tunstall.

In 1702, because of the inconvenience suffered by the inhabitants of Pamunkey Neck in crossing the Mattaponi River to attend court, Pamunkey Neck was made a county and called King William. The land on which the first Court House of King William stood was given to the county in 1702 by Henry Fox and Richard Littlepage.

In March, 1722, a petition was made to the Council for a new Court House for King William County, "their old Court House being ruinous." Two places were proposed as the site. "Sundry inhabitants" of the county, including Major William Aylett, petitioned that it be built at Aylett, and Major Aylett offered to assure the land and timber for the building. Presumably the other place under consideration was the present site of the Court House. The Governor, to whom the matter was referred, decided on Aylett. No record has been found of the actual construction of the building, but evidently the Aylett site was not the final choice. —*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, IV, p. 9.

In the report (Hening and Mumford, III, pp. 237, 238) of a case arising out of a judgment rendered in May, 1771 (Claiborne

vs. Gregory), and settled in the Supreme Court on November 22, 1808, the following interesting information is to be found: "About the end of the American War [1782], the Court House of King William County was consumed by fire, together with a number of its records, and, among the rest, the documents on which this judgment was founded."

King William is one of several counties in Eastern Virginia which have had practically all of their earliest records destroyed. Photostat copies have been made of the marred pages collected after the burning of the county clerk's office in 1885. These have been bound, but in their fragmentary state are most tantalizing.

A certificate from the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., was presented to the county in 1937, stating that King William Court House had been selected by the advisory committee of the Historic American Buildings Survey as possessing such exceptional historical and architectural interest as to be worthy of the most careful preservation and that a record of its present appearance and condition had been deposited in the Library of Congress.



SOME EARLY ANCESTORS

OF THE FOX FAMILY OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA
DE LA WARR-WEST

The first La Warr of whom there is record was John la Warr, who during the reign of King John (1199-1216) received ratification of a grant of the lordship of Bristolton, Gloucestershire, which had been made to him prior to John's coming to the throne.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage* (1901), p. 437.

Sir Roger la Warr, 3rd Baron, direct descendant of the above-named John, was summoned to Parliament from August 14, 1362, to June 1, 1363. Sir Roger la Warr distinguished himself in the war with France, and "shared in the glory of Poitiers," in which the King of France and the Dauphin were made prisoners. He was survived by two sons and by Joan, a daughter by his second wife, Eleanor, daughter of John, Lord Mowbray.¹

¹The illustrious family of Mowbray derived its descent from Roger de Mowbray, "one of the leaders of the Norman Army which achieved the conquest of England." John, Lord Mowbray, married Joan, daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage*, pp. 1095, 1096, 1097.

The name of Roger de Mowbray is on the *Roll of Battle Abbey*. The English take much pride in tracing back to the *Roll of Battle Abbey*.—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 808; Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage*, p. 1095.

There is in the Virginia State Library a framed facsimile of the *Magna Charta* made by "Express Permission from the original Document in the British Museum," with the Seals of the King's Securities to *Magna Charta* and Shields of the Barons in Arms on the margin. Among these is the shield of Baron William de Mowbray, with his arms and name. He was one of the twenty-five barons who were "securities" for the *Magna Charta*.

"On Sabbath, June 9 [1938], in the parish church of Egham in Surrey [England], the heraldic shields of the 25 sureties for

Magna Charta were dedicated. Four of these were donated by American societies. It was near this church that the 25 barons compelled King John, in 1215, to sign the Magna Charta which is counted as the foundation of our liberation."—*Christian Conservator*.

Joan, daughter of Sir Roger la Warr, 3rd Baron, and Eleanor (Mowbray), married Sir Thomas West, 3rd Baron West, who was summoned to Parliament in 1402 as 3rd Lord West.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage*, pp. 436, 438.

Sir Thomas West, Knight, 1st Lord West (ancestor of Sir Thomas West, 3rd Baron West, who married Joan), lived in the time of Edward II, and was in high favor with that king and his successor. He was summoned to Parliament in 1342 as Baron West.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage* (1901), p. 436.

In 1427 Joan's two brothers, Barons De La Warr, and her older son having died, her son Reginald became 5th Baron West and 6th Baron De La Warr. With Reginald's son Richard, the West merged with the De La Warr.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage* (1901), p. 436.

The title fell into abeyance on the death of Reginald's great-grandson, but was revived in the latter's nephew William, who became 1st Baron De La Warr, new creation.

Thomas West, 2nd Lord De La Warr (new creation)² married on November 19, 1571, Ann, daughter of Sir Francis Knollys,³ Knight, by his wife Katherine Cary, and had thirteen children. He died in 1601/2 and was succeeded by his son, Sir Thomas West, who became 3rd Lord De La Warr.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage* (1901), p. 436; Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 1045.

²Sir Thomas West, 2nd Lord De La Warr (new creation), "was the great grandson of Sir Thomas West, 8th Lord De La Warr, who was installed a Knight of the Garter in the second year of King Henry VIII." "He was of an ancient and honorable family." "This noble Knight of worthy fame did beare twelve severall cotes (of arms)."—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 1046.

³Sir Francis Knollys married Katherine Cary, who was a first cousin of Queen Elizabeth's and sister to Henry Cary, 1st Lord Hunsdon.—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 1045.

Four sons of Sir Thomas West, 2nd Lord De La Warr, and Anne, daughter of Sir Francis Knollys, were prominent in the Virginia Colony. The eldest surviving son, Sir Thomas West, 3rd Lord De La Warr,⁴ was the first Governor of Virginia. Francis West and the Honorable John West also served as Governor.—(Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, pp. 1047, 1048.) John was the only one of the brothers to leave descendants in Virginia.

⁴Thomas West, 3rd Lord De La Warr (1577-1618), was educated at Oxford, receiving the degree of Master of Arts. He was knighted by the Crown and made a member of the Privy Council of Queen Elizabeth, and later a member of the Privy Council of James I. On November 25, 1596, he married Cecily, daughter of Sir Thomas Shirley. He was in 1610 made Governor and captain-general of the Virginia Colony, to hold office for life. The great services rendered by him in founding the Colony were officially acknowledged by the Crown, the London Company, and the Colony.—Burke, *Peerage and Baronetage*, p. 436; Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, pp. 1048, 1049.

Lord and Lady De La Warr presented Pocahontas at Court when she was in England in 1616.—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 968.

At the Exhibition of Contemporary Portraits of Personages Associated with the Colony and Commonwealth of Virginia 1585-1830, held in Virginia House, Richmond, April 26-May 27, 1929, there was shown a copy of the portrait of Thomas West, 3rd Lord De La Warr. This was lent by the present Earl De La Warr. The Earl lent other family portraits also and the ermine-lined red velvet robe worn by Francis, 5th Baron Howard of Effingham (Governor of Virginia 1684-1688), on April 11, 1689, at the coronation of William and Mary.

John West, Esquire, the twelfth child of Sir Thomas West, 2nd Lord De La Warr, and his wife Anne (Knollys) West, was born on the 14th of December, 1590. He received his B. A. degree from Magdalen College in 1613. He was a member of the Virginia Company, came to Virginia about 1620, and was active in the development of the Colony. He served as Burgess, 1629-30; was a member of the Council⁵ from 1630 until his death; Governor of Virginia, 1635-1637; Marshal and Muster-Master-General,

1641.—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, pp. 804, 1045, 1047; *William and Mary Quarterly*, II (1), p. 152.

⁵"By virtue of a commission from the king," Sir William Berkeley and Richard Kemp, on March 8, 1641, administered the oath of counsellor to John West, Esquire, also the oaths of "allegiance and supremacy, according to custom."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, pp. 65, 66.

Captain John West was given land in 1630 on the east side of the bay formed by King's Creek and Fellgate's Creek, four miles from Yorktown. There he and Anne (surname unknown), his wife, established their home, and there in 1632 was born their only child, John West, the first child of English parents born on York River.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XV (1), pp. 36, 37.

There was granted to Captain John West on June 6, 1632, by order of the Council, 2,000 acres in honor of his son, "the first Christian born at Chiskiack on York River."—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XIV (2), p. 343.

In 1650 Captain John West sold his plantation of 1,250 acres (later called "Bellfield"), four miles from Yorktown, to Edward Digges, Esquire, and moved to his large estate at the fork of the York River, which was first called Delawaretown, later West Point.⁶—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XV (1), p. 37.

⁶The West family lived at West Point for 120 years.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XIV, Series 2, p. 349.

On May 6, 1651, there were granted to Captain John West, 1,550 acres in York County, about six miles from the fork of the York River, for transporting⁷ thirty-one persons into the Colony: Captain John West four "tymes"; Mrs. Anne West, twice; John West, Junior; Cheny, a "maide servant"; Joseph Gardner; Francis —; five negroes; Eliza Cooper; Richard Taylor; J—— Royly; John Royly; Alice —; Edward —; Henry Millett; William Parnell; Jno. Haninge (?); Lau. Triggs; Herbert Millett; Elinor Adkins; Francis Millett; etc.—*Land Patent Book* II, p. 313.

⁷Head Rights: According to an ordinance of the Virginia Company of London, every person moving to Virginia at his own expense with the intention of becoming a permanent resident was entitled to 50 acres of land for himself, 50 acres for his wife, and 50 for each of his children. Every person who at

his own expense brought others into the Colony was entitled to 50 acres for each person whom he transported. "The patent gave fee simple title on condition of an annual quit rent of one shilling for each 50 acres, and of planting and seating thereon within three years from the date of the grant."—Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, p. 51.

When Governor Harvey was deposed, the Council elected Captain John West Governor in his stead. West and several others were summoned to England to account for their acts, but they were never tried. When Harvey returned, West "was placed in the list of his councillors as muster-master-general in King Charles's own handwriting." It was ordered by the Council that West's salary (probably as Muster-Master-General) be 10,000 pounds of tobacco.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, pp. 299, 389; *William and Mary Quarterly*, XV (1), p. 37.

John West died about 1659, leaving his wife Anne and son John, "many of whose descendants have been distinguished in the annals of this country."—Brown, *Genesis of the United States*, II, p. 1047.

Colonel John West (1632-circa 1689), son of Captain John West and Anne, his wife, married Unity Croshaw,⁸ daughter of Major Joseph Croshaw⁹ of York County, and had issue: Anne, who married Henry Fox;¹⁰ and sons Thomas, John, and Nathaniel. (Hening, *Statutes at Large*, VI, p. 321; *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, I, p. 424, and II, p. 338.) Through this marriage Major Joseph Croshaw became an ancestor of the descendants of Henry Fox.

⁸Madame West (Unity Croshaw) was living in June, 1707, for she at that time purchased a lot (No. 46) on the Mattaponi River in Delawaretown.

⁹Major Joseph Croshaw (died April 10, 1667), father of Unity Croshaw, who married Colonel John West, was a wealthy and prominent citizen of York County. He was Justice of the Peace of that County; major of militia; and member of the House of Burgesses, 1659 and 1660. He is said to have married five times. Unity was a daughter by his first wife.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, II (1), pp. 270, 271, 272.

Major Croshaw gave in 1658 one acre of his plantation called "Poplar Neck," near the "Indian Fields," to the Parish of Marston "for a church-yard, on which land there was already

a church." Major Croshaw was a vestryman in this parish.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, III (1), p. 170.

A copy of the will of Joseph Croshaw may be seen in the *York County Records* for 1664-72, page 180. In the will he mentions his wife Mary and son Joseph. "I doe make & appoint my Sonne in Lawe Major John West my full & whole Execut^r, of this my last will & Testam't." The will was probated in 1667.

In 1687 Colonel John West and Unity, his wife, conveyed "Poplar Neck," residence of the late Major Joseph Croshaw, to Edmund Jenings, Esquire, Secretary of State. The latter renamed the place "Rippon Hall."—*William and Mary Quarterly*, II (1), p. 271.

There is in Bruton Church, Williamsburg, Virginia, a tablet "to the Glory of God and to the memory of Maj. Joseph Croshaw—member of House of Burgesses."

¹⁰Colonel John West, in his will, recorded on November 15, 1689, in King and Queen County, mentions his "daughter Anne, wife of Henry Fox."—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, VI, p. 321.

Colonel John West served as Burgess from New Kent County 1680-1682. (*Journals, House of Burgesses*, II.) He lived at West Point, in what is now King William County. He sat on the courts martial which tried the rebels in Bacon's time; in 1680 he was senior justice and colonel commanding the militia of New Kent County.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, I, p. 424.

An act was passed in March, 1659-60, by the Assembly: Because of "the many important favors and services rendered to the countrey of Virginia by the noble family of the West, predecessors of Mr. John West, their now only survivor, . . . *It is ordered*, That the levies of the said Master West and his family be remitted, and that he be exempt from payment thereof during life."—Hening, *Statutes*, I, p. 547.

ANCESTRAL ARMS

FOX—Argent a chevron sable between three cocks gules, on a chief azure a fox courant or. Crest: A lion sejant guardant or, supporting with the dexter foot a book of the last. These are the arms of Fox of Missenden, Buckinghamshire, England. (Burke, *Encyclopedia of Heraldry*; Fairbairn, *Book of Crests* (1905), p. 211; Crozier, *Virginia Heraldica*, V, p. 9.)

DELAWARE-WEST—Quarterly: 1st and 4th, argent, a fesse dancettée sa, for West; 2nd and 3rd, gules, a lion rampant argent armed and langued azure between 8 crosses crosslet fitchée in orle, of the second for Delawarr. Crest: Out of a ducal coronet or, a griffin's head az., beaked and eared or (for West). Motto: *Jour de ma vie*.—Burke, *Encyclopedia of Heraldry*; Fairbairn, *Crests* (1905), p. 160.

The Mowbrays, Knollys, Croshaws, and Tunstalls also bore arms.

ARMS AND PEDIGREE OF FOX OF GREAT MISSENDEN¹



MS. Coll: of Arms 1. C. 26, fol. 39b., 2, fol. 57.
Additions and trick from Le Neve's MS., fol. 92.

Henry Fox of greate = da: of
Missenden in the Hawes of
County of Bucks. Missenden.

William Fox of = Anne daūr of Hen: Lane
great Missenden. of Great Missenden.

Hen: ffox 3 sonne	Sarah ux: (4) John (Josua) Randall of Lond: Clerke.	Anne mar: to Har- wood of London.	Jo: Fox second = sonne borne at Great Missen- den was Parson of Stretley in Coñ Bedford.	Margret da: of Francis Wetherhed of Cole Aston in Com. Bucks.
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Jo Fox sonne & heire of Henry.	Adoniah Fox borne at Great Missenden now of London 1634.	= Margaret daur. and sole heire of Michaell Bayly of London 2 sonne of Wm Bayly of Bridg in Com. Hereford [<i>? an addition</i>].
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John Fox Son & heire. Robert Fox second sonne. Margaret Fox.
[*? additions.*]

Eliz: obiit S.P.	Giles ffox soñ & heire =	Susan mar: to Rowse of London
Sarah Fox eldest daūr & coheire		Elizabeth Fox 2 daur. & coheire.
[Not signed]		

This descent is verified to be true & the Armes belonging to the same are in the south window of the Chancell of the p'rish Church of Great Misenden. Witnesse my hand this 31 of May 1637 & that the same day Richard Munday one belonging to the office of Armes was in the Church & p'sued the same.
Ed. Lane

And I will' Hickham [hickman] Clarke of the said Church did the day & yeare aboue mentioned Lett into the said Church the aforesaid Richard Munday & Ed: Lane Scholmastr of the Towne & one ffarrow & Addonian ffox where he Prused the Armes in the windowe before mentioned the witnesse William Hickman Clarke of the abouenamed p'rish Church.

From *The Visitation of Buckinghamshire made in 1634* (including that for 1566), publication of the Harleian Society of London, edited by W. H. Rylands (1909), Volume 58, pages 59 and 60.

¹In the Annotated Index in *Key to Ancient Parish Registers in England and Wales* (A. M. Burke) there are listed the registers of old parishes for many of the counties or shires. The date of the earliest entry for the Parish of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, is 1678; that of the earliest for Little Missenden is 1559. (Page 116.)

JOHN FOX, FATHER OF HENRY FOX

JOHN FOX¹ who died sometime before April 16, 1683, was, as far as can be gleaned from Colonial records, the first Fox ancestor in Virginia of the King William County family. Little is known of him except that he bought from Thomas Hanks 200 acres in New Kent and Gloucester Counties, and that he left "son and heir" Henry Fox.—*Land Patent Book VII*, p. 245.

¹As yet no proof is available of the connection of John Fox, the father of Henry Fox of King William, with the Fox family in England. There are, however, a few items copied from British records which may furnish leads to authoritative information.

By order of the Admiralty, John Fox of the "Whitehorse and Currycombe" (a merchant vessel) was given permission on August 8, 1650, to leave for Virginia.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XVII, p. 142.

On September 20, 1650, a grant was made by the king to Thomas Lisle, John Fox, and Gilbert Thornborough. The document was dated at St. Johnstons, the king being in Scotland at the time. (There is no known record of where this land was situated.)—Notes from the *Council and General Court Records*, 1641-1659, by Conway Robinson, Esq., in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, p. 73.

John Coneur, by his will, dated November 2, 1653, proved May 1, 1654, left to his "lovinge friend Capt. John Fox 5 lbs. (for a ring) he to be overseer and also my legal attorney and to receive all my debts in Virginia and to dispose of my cargo of goods in the ship called the 'Thomas and Anne' . . . Also I do allow my friend Capt. John Fox to choose another attorney to help him to manage the business." John Coneur also left twenty shillings to Mrs. Elizabeth Fox for a ring.—Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England*, II, pp. 1030, 1031.

In May, 1655, Henry Cox arrived in London, having come from Virginia in the "Thomas and Anne," John Fox, commander.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XX, p. 187.

John Fox, commander from Virginia of the "Thomas and Anne of London," landed on May 4, 1656.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XXI, p. 259. (Manuscript in the British Museum.)

There is record in Essex County (Virginia) *Deed Book II* (pages 98, 99) that Francis Cantor was lawful attorney for Captain John Fox, commander of the "Thomas and Anne."

The following may be seen in the York County (Virginia) *Record Book* for 1657-1662, page 148: "I John Fox of the parish of Stepney in the county of Midd'ex [England], marri-ner send greeting . . ." He ordered that all debts due him in Virginia be collected, and appointed Mr. Johnathan Newell to receive and recover the same. The order was dated April 1, 1659.

The *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (XIV, pp. 85 and 86), gives a very interesting letter written "Att Sea. Lattitude 24 degrees. 7br ye 9th 1662," by Stephen Fox, who, it appears, died *en route* from "New England" to London. It is addressed to "Loveinge Brother," and was administered as a will in London on October 20, 1663, by "Brother John Fox."

In the will Stephen mentions "Brothers Thomas, William, Peter," and "Sister Mary," and gives instructions for the disposition of his tobacco, *et cetera*, on the "Jeames River" in Virginia.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIV, pp. 84, 85.

There was a Thomas Fox who was a member of the London Company in 1609.—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, I, p. 86.

This JOHN was probably the Captain John Fox mentioned in various records as commanding a merchant vessel plying between England and the Virginia Colony. If he was, then it is doubtful that he ever established a home in Virginia or in America, though he may have done so. It seems likely that his son Henry was born in England.

In April, 1683, Thomas, Lord Culpeper, with the consent of the Council, granted to Henry Fox by patent, 300 acres of land in New Kent and Gloucester Counties,² bounded by the line of William Anderson and "by a branch nigh Col. John Lewis his Quarters." This grant consisted of 200 acres³ which "MR. JOHN FOX" had purchased from Thomas Hanks, and 100 acres of land "newly taken up" for the transportation of two persons (Robert Seale and Thos: Lee) into the Colony.—*Land Patent Book VII*, p. 245.

²The dividing line of the two counties ran through the tract, as is shown by the fact that both counties are named in the patent and that the grant is recorded in the *Patent Books* of both counties.

³The 200 acres purchased by Mr. John Fox of Mr. Thomas Hanks were a part of a grant by patent dated April 7, 1674, to Charles Hawley and J—— Garrett. This land had escheated to the Crown on July 25, 1681 (at which time William Leigh was Deputy Escheator of New Kent County), and so could not have been owned by John Fox for more than a year or two before his death.—*Land Patent Book VII*, pp. 245, 326, 327.

HENRY FOX

HENRY FOX (*circa* 1650-1714), "son and heir of John Fox," deceased, was, it appears, the first of the Fox name to patent lands and establish a home in what is now King William County. He married Ann, daughter of Colonel John West, nephew of Thomas, 3rd Lord Delaware, and had two sons,¹ John and Thomas Fox (and perhaps a third, Henry²); also a daughter Anne.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, I, p. 318, and VIII, pp. 382, 383; *Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, pp. 326, 327.

¹Henry Fox presented to the Council a petition "in behalf of John & Thomas Fox his Sons and of Nathaniel West Devises of John West dec^d setting forth that the said John West did by deed of Gift and by his Will and Testament give and grant unto John West deceased Thomas and Nathaniel West his Sons & the s^d Henry Fox a certain tract or Divident of land containing by estimation Four thousand acres lying in King & Queen now King William County, which said Land the said John West and the petitioners as claiming under him have peaceably enjoyed ever since the year 1654, about which time the petitioners are informed the same was granted by patent to the said first named John West, but the petitioners not finding any patent for the same upon record humbly pray that they may be admitted to enter Rights for their several portions of the said Land and that patents may be granted to them respectively for the same, for the more certain confirmation of their Titles."

Leave to survey was given and patents were granted on October 31, 1712.—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, pp. 326, 327.

²"Henry Fox, who was sheriff of King William County in 1724 and 1725, and a vestryman of St. John's parish in 1730, (later Burgess from Brunswick County), was probably another son [of Henry and Anne (West) Fox]."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, p. 383; *William and Mary Quarterly*, XX, pp. 263, 265.

As there is no mention of this Henry Fox as "son of Henry Fox and Anne (West) Fox" in grants, county documents, or other available papers, it appears that "probably" he was *not* a son of Henry and Anne Fox. He may have been a grandson, or from some other county.

HENRY FOX (*circa* 1650-1714) received much land by royal grant³ in the part of King and Queen County which was then known as Pamunkey Neck and later named King William County. The first grant to HENRY FOX *on record* in the *Register of Virginia Land Patents* is of date June 6, 1699: 330 acres marsh land lying in King and Queen County in Pamunkey Neck, "adjacent to his own land,"⁴ running along a small creek parting his land from that of William Barfoot, to the Mattaponi River, thence up the river to the mouth of John's Creek, along the creek to "the said Fox's own Land," along high land to the beginning—for the transporting of seven persons into the Colony. It was signed by "E. Jenings, Deputy Sec'y" and "ff Nicholson," Governor.—*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 203.

³All grants to lands in the Colony made before the Revolutionary War were royal grants from the English sovereign, signed by the royal Governor of the Colony or his deputy.

⁴This was probably the land referred to in the grant to John West. See footnote 1.

HENRY FOX, Gentleman,⁵ on April 24, 1700, was granted by patent three tracts of land in St. John's Parish, King and Queen County, Pamunkey Neck: 821 acres on Cohoke Swamp (Cohoke Creek empties into the Pamunkey River) at the mouth of a branch, adjoining Lipscomb's land—for bringing 17 persons into the Colony (*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 251); 580 acres in St. John's Parish, Pamunkey Neck, beginning on the west side of Mallory's branch, on the lines of John Thompson, Acquinton Swamp and John's Creek—in consideration of the transportation of 12 persons⁶ into the Colony (*Land Patent Book IX*, pp. 261, 262); 584 acres in St. John's Parish, Pamunkey Neck, amongst the branches of John's Creek on the west side of Nicatawance Swamp, etc., to Mallory's branch, the foregoing lines being the dividing line from the College lands.⁷ Twelve head rights were paid to William Byrd, Esquire, his Majesty's auditor.—*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 260.

⁵Sir Edward Coke, eminent English barrister, said that he knew of no one in the Seventeenth Century who was termed "Gentleman" who was without a claim to arms, and that the bearer of arms was a "Gentleman."

⁶The names of three persons brought in were Solomon Horne, Catherine Horne, Joseph Charnock; and there were nine rights more.—*Virginia Land Patent Book IX*, p. 262.

⁷Announcement was made on November 18, 1693, by order of the Governors of the College of William and Mary, that their Majesties by Charter had granted to the petitioners, in trust for the College of William and Mary, 10,000 acres of land "not yett legally posessed, by any of their Maj^{ts} Subjects, . . . in Pomunkey Neck." It was also ordered that public notice be given in the County Court of King and Queen, where a part of the land lay.—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, I, p. 304.

OTHER LANDS CONVEYED TO HENRY FOX

"Henry ffox Gent." purchased on June 20, 1707, a half-acre lot⁸ in Delaware Town (now West Point), for which he paid 482 pounds of tobacco. This was lot number 24, fronting on the Mattaponi River. (See *William and Mary Quarterly*, XIV (2), p. 346, for map.)—*King William Records*, I, p. 364.

⁸The rent for each lot was an ounce of flax seed and two ounces of hemp seed, to be paid annually on October 10, if demanded. Another condition in acquiring a lot was that the purchaser should "begin, build, and finish," within a year, a house containing at least 20 square feet.

There was conveyed to HENRY FOX in 1713 a tract of 200 acres, patented in April, 1702, by Edward Dell, then held by "Mr. Micajah Perry."⁹—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, p. 360.

⁹Micajah Perry was an English merchant, who refused to take fifty convicts to Virginia. They were sent instead to the Leeward Islands.—*Sainsbury Manuscripts*, 1697, as noted in *William and Mary Quarterly*, VIII (1), p. 273.

HENRY FOX DISPOSES OF LAND

On January 20, 1702, HENRY FOX and Richard Littlepage, Gentlemen, gave to the County of King William two acres "on part of which the Court House now stands," to have and to hold as long as the "judicy thinks meet."—*King William Records*, I, pp. 71, 72, 73.

On January 20, 1702, HENRY FOX, Gentleman, made over to

Richard Littlepage of New Kent his half interest in 70 acres in King William County.—*King William Records*, I, pp. 73, 74.

In an indenture between Chillion White, carpenter of Gloucester County, and HENRY FOX, admitted to record on March 20, 1702, in King William Court, Henry Fox conveyed to Chillion White for 45 pounds of good and lawful money of England, 584 acres, running to a corner in the College lands, and partially bounded by the College lands.—*King William Records*, I, pp. 93, 94, 95.

In the same year HENRY FOX of King William sold to Samuel Davis, in consideration of 6,000 pounds of tobacco and cash paid, 200 acres, bounded by Mallory's branch, to the corner of the "Colledge land," along the College line and the line of Chillion White—"granted to mee [Henry Fox] by patent warrant."—*King William Records*, I, p. 84.

HENRY FOX sold in June, 1703, to Nathaniel West of New Kent for 10 shillings, 2 acres on John's Creek in King William County.—*King William Records*, I, p. 106.

In September, 1705, HENRY FOX gave a deed for 150 acres on Cohoke Swamp to Charles Sallowith, for valuable consideration in hand. William Aylett was clerk of the Court.—*King William Records*, I, p. 259.

SERVES AS A VESTRYMAN

HENRY FOX was prominent in the affairs of the county, holding at one time or another every high office. He was a vestryman of St. John's Parish,¹⁰ King and Queen County, in 1695, and was present on May 6th of that year when the vestry met by order of his Excellency and the Honorable Council, to examine the "Reasons of the Complaint of Mr. Monro," their minister. The original document is in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library.—*Calendar of State Papers*, I, p. 49.

¹⁰The present Baptist Church (1938) at West Point is built on the site of the old Church of England building.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XLVI, p. 40.

HENRY FOX continued to serve as vestryman in St. John's Parish when it fell within the boundaries of King William County.

A protest was made in 1705 by HENRY FOX, Thomas Claiborne, John West, and others of the vestry of St. John's Parish, King William County, to Governor Francis Nicholson and the Council,¹¹ against the "Reverend Mr Jno. Monro, our present minister. . . We have no p'sonal prejudice against" him, "upon account of his being of the Scottish Nation, Tho We must confess an Englishman would be more acceptable."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, pp. 368, 369.

"The Council, on March 28, 1706, decided that the matter did not "ly under ye Cognizance of this Board" and the Governor recommended that it be settled in a way "more agreeable to Christianity." The Governor enjoined the Reverend Mr. Monro to endeavor "to promote peace and Reconcilem" between himself and the complainants, also between the complainants and the gentlemen of the parish who were his friends.—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, p. 75.

At a meeting of the vestry of St. John's Parish, King William County, on December 20, 1705, when the minister and six of the vestrymen agreed on the choice of two certain persons to fill two vacancies in the vestry, two of the church wardens and MR. HENRY FOX "not only dissented, but went away in some heat, carrying with them the Vestry book, by w^{ch} means the order of Vestry could not be Entered."—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, p. 66.

PROMINENT IN PUBLIC LIFE

MR. HENRY FOX served on the jury of the "Genell Court held att James Citty Octobr ye 24th 1691."—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, I, p. 204.

He was magistrate in King and Queen prior to February, 1698, at which time he was "recommended by the Council to his former place on Commission of the peace." The recommendation was approved by the Governor.—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, I, p. 411.

At a council of his Majesty's Royal College of William and Mary on March 12, 1701/2, his Excellency, Governor Francis Nicholson, with the advice of his Majesty's Honorable Council,

At a Vestrye holden the 5th day of May 1695
 St Johns of Westminster & Queens County

Sheweth

In obedience to an order of his excellency and Honorable
 Council bearing date May the first 1695

That the sd Vestrye, havinge mett to examine the reason
 of the complaint of Mr. Monro. doo finde that on y^e 20th of
 April last w^{ch} havinge mett in order to the agreeing with
 Mr. John Monro minister for the Insueringe year and to pay
 ourduellinge fees offen him thirtie thousand three hundred
 thirty four pounds of t^{en} shillings & pence Conventionall which he
 slightly refused and also payed from us in great anger
 havinge no provocation thereto nor with sharding
 this w^{ch} he tolde out of side & contrarye after him to
 saye he was in our proposals which was that we
 slightinge manners hee answered that he would make
 no agreement and for Roadways upon which w^{ch} made
 an order that y^e Church wardens should wait on him
 to know if hee would accept of y^e same which the sd Church
 wardens did but hee still slighted and refused which order
 also impowered them upon his Refusall to provide an other
 Minister Mr. Monro upon this grounds out of our p^{re}sent
 and not acquaintinge the Vestrye of his Returne or that
 hee would accept of our offer made him the Church
 wardens omitted goinge to the Chapell hee supposinge
 the p^{re}sent to be vacant of a minister

Robert Malory
 Henry Fox
 Martin Palmer
 Jos. Norman
 J. B. Burford
 Daniel Miles
 Thomas I. Long
 Henry Madison

SIGNATURES OF HENRY FOX AND OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE
 VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH (1695)

nominated and appointed the Justices for the new county of King William. The name of HENRY FOX was first on the list. (*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, II, p. 225.) HENRY FOX was commissioned sheriff of King William on February 17, 1702.—*King William Records*, I, p. 149.

HENRY FOX and John Fox went on the bond of Jane Johns for the administration of the will of Richard Johns—1703. (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXV, p. 179.) In 1704 HENRY was one of the administrators of the will of William Rawlings, of King William County, who left his estate for the schooling of poor children. (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXV, pp. 69, 70.) In the case of Mathews *vs.* Tunstall, HENRY FOX served as an arbitrator.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IX, p. 311.

For a number of years HENRY FOX, GENTLEMAN, was Burgess from King William County.—*Journals, House of Burgesses*, 1702-1712.

On October 26, 1710, HENRY FOX was named on the committee for Public Claims, and the following day it was resolved that Mr. John Waller and MR. HENRY FOX be returned to serve "in this present General Assembly for the county of King William." HENRY FOX was appointed on November 9, 1710, to carry bills to the Council and desire their concurrence; and on the twenty-second of the same month he served as a manager of the House and was one of a group ordered to attend the Council and to help set and ascertain the current rates of foreign coins in the Dominion. (This act was not sanctioned by the English government.) On November 24, 1710, he was on the committee to determine the boundaries between King William and King and Queen Counties. (The charges were to be paid by King William County, as it had entered the petition.)

In November, 1711, HENRY FOX again served on the committee for Public Claims; he was in December added to the committee on Propositions and Grievances. In 1712, on October 23, he was still serving on the committee for Public Claims; and on the 24th of October he was duly returned to serve as Burgess from King William County.

The same year he was one of those to present to the Honorable Alexander Spotswood, her Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, an address advising him that the Burgesses could not then give more money toward building the church at Williamsburg.

On Friday, November 20, 1713, the House voted that "Mr. ffox and Mr. Bird have leave to go into the country on Extraordinary Occasions."

At some time between the above date and November 17, 1714, HENRY FOX passed away, as on the latter date an order was given to the Governor to elect a Burgess for King William County, "in ye room of Mr. Fox, deceased."—*Legislative Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, I, p. 573, from Public Records Office, London, Colonial Office, Class 5, Volume 1406.

ANNE (FOX) CLAIBORNE

ANNE FOX, "Daughter of Mr. Henry Fox," was born on the twentieth of May, 1684, and died the fourth day of May, 1733. She married Captain Thomas Claiborne of "Sweet Hall," King William County, grandson of William Claiborne of "Romancoke," who was Secretary of Virginia. (Most of these facts concerning Anne Fox Claiborne were copied from her tombstone at "Sweet Hall."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, I, p. 318.) "Sweet Hall" is still standing—a very quaint and interesting house.

ANNE (FOX) CLAIBORNE and Thomas Claiborne had issue: Daniel, Augustine, Bernard, Leonard, Nathaniel, William, Thomas (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, I, p. 318; II, p. 217), and Anne Elizabeth, who married Christopher Holmes Freeman of Spotsylvania County.—*D. A. R. Magazine*, LXIII, p. 653.

JOHN, SON OF HENRY FOX

"JOHN FOX, son of Henry Fox,"¹ was at one time a "merchant of London," as is shown by a legal document of date September, 1713. It is therefore probable that he was absent from the Colony a good deal of the time.

¹Bond from Nathaniel West to John Fox, son of Henry Fox: "I, Nathaniel West of King William County in Virginia am held and firmly bound to John Fox late of London, Merchant, in the penal sum of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling money of England. . . I. . . set my hand and seal this 10th Day of September 1713." In the bond, Nathaniel West "Covenanted and agreed to and with Henry ffox father and attorney to the said John Fox." "Tho ffox" is also mentioned in the document.

At a court held for Hanover County the first day of March, 1733, this bond from Nathaniel West to John Fox, Merchant, was proved by the oath of Thomas Mallory, and was admitted to record.—*Court Records*, Hanover County, Virginia, 1733-1735, p. 26.

On December 23, 1707, Henry Fox and John Fox, Gentlemen, acted as "Arbitrators between Mr. Samuel Matthews and Catherine, his wife, on the One part, and Richard Wyatt in Right of Mary Tunstall & Barbara Tunstall," youngest daughter of Edmund Tunstall, "for whom he was appointed Guardian, and also in right of Dower for Catherine, his wife," widow of Edmund Tunstall.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IX, p. 311.

The *Journals of the House of Burgesses* state that JOHN FOX and others, on May 28, 1706, petitioned the General Assembly in regard to trade with the Indians;² and that the House resolved that "Mr. Henry Fox have liberty to give evidence upon the petition of his son John Fox."—*Journals for 1702-1712*, pp. 205 and 207.

²On October 25, 1694, the "Chickohomony" Indians petitioned the Council that they be allowed to move from the poor lands on the north side of the Mattaponi River to the tract called "Quaynohomock, . . . over against them in Pomunkey Neck — formerly theirs." — *Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, I, p. 320.

It was ordered on October 26, 1708, that, "Whereas the Pamunky Indians have complained that diverse of their nation

are invigled away from their Residence at their town and from their being assisting to the s^d nation, by means of some of the neighbouring Inhabitants who entertain them viz^t Indian Robin who is entertained at M^r Henry Fox's . . ." "James Adams Interp^{tr} to the s^d Indians" should bring them "from the respective houses where they are harboured and entert^d & deliver them up." If there was any opposition, Adams was to report it to the Board.—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, p. 198.

Robin, a Pamunkey Indian, petitioned the Council on October 27, 1709, that he be permitted to remain among the inhabitants of the Colony where he had been bred for some years past and been instructed in the trade of a shoemaker. "The Council granted him this liberty."—*Calendar of State Papers*, I, p. 133.

There are in King William County (1938) two Indian Reservations, one on the Mattaponi River about ten miles above West Point and the other on the Pamunkey River opposite White House.

It is also found in the *Journals* that on May 16, 1723, JOHN Fox petitioned the Assembly for confirmation of his title to 750 acres in King William County: land "purchased by his Grandfather, John West, of the Pamunkey Indians." It was confirmed May 30, 1723.—*Journals, House of Burgesses*, 1712-1726, pp. 367, 378.

The Justices of King William County on August 15, 1715, petitioned the House of Burgesses that they "Humbly Address his Majesty in behalf of Mr. John Fox now under Close Confinement for a debt due to ye Crown for the Customs of Tobacco."—*Journals, House of Burgesses*, 1712-1726, p. 140.

In a land patent issued to Thomas West³ in 1715, the land of "Capt. John Fox" is mentioned as a boundary.—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 226.

³Thomas West on December 3, 1714, patented 1,615 acres of "new land" in St. John's Parish, King William County, bounded by the land of Nathaniel West in Bull Swamp, of Captain John Fox—along Thomas Fox's line—Colonel William Claiborne's line—Captain Martin Palmer's—the Pamunkey River to Captain Thomas Claiborne's—to Captain Nathaniel West's.—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 226.

Nathaniel West had in 1702 patented land—933 acres—in St. John's Parish, Pamunkey Neck, at the mouth of John's Creek,

beginning at the northwest side of Long Branch, for transporting 19 persons (names given).—*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 505.

Thomas Fox had patented land on the south side of the Mattaponi River adjoining that of Nathaniel West.—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 91.

JOHN FOX bought a lot (No. 45) in Delawaretown fronting on the Pamunkey River in June, 1707. (See map, *William and Mary Quarterly*, XIV, Series 2, p. 346.)

This JOHN FOX, son of Henry, doubtless was the father of the Reverend John Fox of Ware Church, Gloucester County. The Reverend John Fox disposed of a part, at least, of what presumably was his inheritance from his father, when he conveyed to Augustine Moore (before 1742) part of a tract of 642 acres in St. John's Parish, King William County—the land adjoining a grist mill on Cohoke Swamp.—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, VIII, p. 285.

Note that Henry Fox, father of the merchant JOHN, had had a grant by patent on Cohoke Swamp. (See *ante* page 13.)

THE REVEREND JOHN FOX

There can be little doubt that the REVEREND JOHN FOX, prominent as the rector of Ware Church, Gloucester County, in 1737 and later, was the son of John Fox, who was the son of Henry Fox and a "merchant of London."

In the first place, the dates fit: Henry Fox, 1650-1714; John Fox, "merchant of London" in 1713; the REVEREND JOHN FOX, ordained in 1731, living in 1769.

Second, Henry Fox held land, 821 acres, on Cohoke Creek in Pamunkey Neck, King and Queen County, having acquired it by land grant. (*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 251.) The REVEREND JOHN FOX owned land in the same locality (acquired probably by inheritance), for Augustine Moore, Gentleman, in his will, dated January 5, 1742, mentions 642 acres in St. John's Parish, King William County, which he had bought of "the reverend Mr. John Fox," and "half from Martin and Roger Palmer." The land of the REVEREND JOHN FOX adjoined a grist mill on Cohoke Swamp which was later known as "Custis Mill."—Hening, *Statutes*, VIII, p. 285.

The rector owned land in Gloucester County also. An old survey book¹ of the county shows a survey of a plat in Petsworth Parish made in 1750, in which, by a "division," the "Rev. John Fox" received 500 acres and William Fox 500. It is not known whence this land came into the possession of the REVEREND JOHN, as there are no early records of Gloucester County to show it.—Stubbs, *Descendants of Mordecai Cook and Thomas Booth*, p. 234.

¹This survey book may be seen in the Clerk's Office at Gloucester Court House.

The REVEREND JOHN FOX married in 1737, Isabel, daughter of Thomas Booth and widow of the Reverend John Richards. The REVEREND JOHN FOX was Master of the Indian School of William and Mary College; was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1731;² was rector of Ware Church, Gloucester County, in 1737 and afterwards; was Bursar of the College of William and Mary

in 1754, and Visitor for the College, 1761-63. He and his wife left issue.—Stubbs, *Descendants of Mordecai Cook and Thomas Booth*, p. 231.

²On May 28, 1731, Governor William Gooch wrote from Williamsburg to the Lord Bishop of London: "Mr. Fox the Bearer of this Letter . . . is the Gentleman I mentioned in my Letter by Mr. Kenner, Brought up at the College of William and Mary, and waits on your Lordship for Holy Orders, to which, as I know him modest, sober and Religious, I beg leave to Recommend him."—*British Transcripts, Fulham MSS.*, Virginia, No. 111, quoted in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXXII, p. 321.

The REVEREND JOHN FOX had the Fox arms engraved on the tomb³ of his wife, who died on June 13, 1742, aged 38 years. These arms correspond with those in Burke for Fox of Missenden, Buckinghamshire, England. Certainly the REVEREND JOHN would not have used these arms had he not known that he was directly descended from that family and therefore entitled to them.⁴

³Epitaphs from the tombs of Isabel Fox, wife of the Reverend John Fox; of their two daughters; and of the Reverend John Richards and his first wife, Amy, may be seen in *Old Virginia Churches, Ministers, and Families*, by Meade, I, p. 354.

⁴"It has been generally agreed by English and American writers that in America the use of arms by a family previous to the Revolution may be taken as evidence that the family had a right to the use thereof."

"Rev. Jno. Fox and his wife's tombstones are under the chancel of Ware Church. In 1854 the floor of the chancel was extended over the tombs."—Excerpt from a letter dated July 20, 1934, from Mrs. Jane B. Lee, widow of the Reverend William Byrd Lee, for many years rector of Ware Church.

THOMAS, SON OF HENRY FOX

THOMAS FOX, son of Henry Fox and Ann (West) Fox, married, *circa* 1707/9, Mary Tunstall, eldest daughter of Edmund Tunstall¹ of King and Queen County² and Catherine (Long) Tunstall, his wife. Issue: Thomas Fox and Joseph Fox.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XX, p. 264; *Essex County Deed and Will Book XIV*, pp. 43 and 44.

¹Edmund Tunstall and his wife Catherine in 1691 conveyed one acre in King and Queen County for the use of the county, "where the Court House stands."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IX, p. 310.

Edmund Tunstall left a widow Catherine and three daughters,—Mary, who married Thomas Fox; Catherine, who married Samuel Matthews; and Barbara.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIV, p. 124.

Catherine, the widow of Edmund Tunstall, married Richard Wyatt of King William County, before December, 1707. There was a suit in 1707 (December 23) between Samuel Matthews and Catherine, his wife, of one part, and Richard Wyatt in right of Mary and Barbara Tunstall (for whom he was appointed guardian) and in right of dower for Catherine, his wife, of the other part, over the division of the lands of Edmund Tunstall, deceased. Henry Fox and John Fox, Gentlemen, were the arbitrators.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IX, pp. 310, 311.

There is mention in a deed made in September, 1714, of "Thomas Wyatt, son of Richard Wyatt and Catherine his wife, of King and Queen County," and of "Elizabeth Wyatt, sister of Thomas Wyatt."—*Essex County Deed and Will Book XIV*, pp. 299, 300.

²Tunstalls patented much land on the north side of the Mattaponi River, in what was later King and Queen County.

On November 13, 1713, there were granted unto "Mr. Thomas ffox, son of Mr. Henry ffox," 296 acres of "new land" on the south side of Mattaponi River in King William County, adjoining Captain Nathaniel West, for transporting six persons³ into the Colony.—"Alexander Spotswood, Lieut.-Governor, in the 12th year of the reign of Queen Anne."⁴—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 91.

³The names of the persons brought into the Colony by Thomas Fox were John Anderson, Thomas Edge, Thomas Sars-

by, John Goldsing, Phillip Powell, Richard Blackborne.—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 91.

"The autograph and a very good impression of the seal of Anne, Queen of England, may be seen in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library.—See *Calendar of State Papers*, I, p. 85.

In the same year (1713) THOMAS FOX and Mary his wife conveyed to John Wyatt 134 acres, "her part except the dower," of the land at King and Queen Court House granted to Richard Tunstall in 1667.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IX, pp. 309, 310.

THOMAS ("TUNSTALL") FOX

THOMAS FOX (*circa* 1710-1792), sometimes called "Tunstall¹ Fox," son of Thomas Fox and Mary (Tunstall) Fox, was born in King William County and spent his early life there. He paid taxes on much land in that county. One tract, called "Fox's Ferry"² (mentioned in his will), was sold after his death to Nathaniel Fox³ of King William County.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XX, p. 264; *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIV, p. 124.

¹In the Wallace Family Bible Barbara is given as "daughter of Tunstal Fox." Mr. G. B. Wallace gives the name of her father as "Mr. Thomas Fox."—Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, p. 709.

²The petition of Thomas Fox to establish a ferry from his land in King William County across the Mattaponi River to the land of Anne Fleet in King and Queen County had been granted previous to May, 1755, for in that month an act was passed whereby the ferry was ordered to be kept constantly as a public ferry, "the price for a man to be seven pence half penny," that "for an horse the same."—Hening, *Virginia Statutes*, VI, pp. 494, 495.

A petition of William Frazer and Henry Fleet, made to the General Assembly on October 27, 1778, asking that the public ferry called "Fox's" in the county of King William and "Fleet's ferry" on the opposite shore in King and Queen County, be discontinued, was considered "reasonable."—*Journals, House of Delegates*, 1777-1780, p. 29.

³According to an indenture made on March 22, 1802, between Captain William B. Wallace, executor of Thomas Fox of Spotsylvania, and Captain Nathaniel Fox, the tract contained 350 acres and was bounded by the Mattaponi River, the estate of Francis Dandridge, the lines of William Dandridge and Burford. The purchase price was 77 pounds 10 shillings.—*King William Records*, IV, pp. 98, 99.

THOMAS FOX moved to Spotsylvania County⁴ about 1763, and for a time held the office of "Spotswood's Collector in Spotsylvania." In 1765 he leased from John Spotswood a considerable

estate on the Rappahannock River seven miles west of Fredericksburg, which for many years was known as "Fox's Lease."

⁴Thomas Fox is named in the list of vestrymen who served St. George's Parish, Fredericksburg, between 1725 and 1847. —Meade, *Old Virginia Churches, Ministers, and Families*, II, p. 72.

THOMAS FOX married, *first*, Philadelphia Claiborne, daughter of William Claiborne of "Romancoke," King William County. He married, *second* (*circa* 1764/65), Philadelphia⁵ Herndon, daughter of Joseph Herndon of Spotsylvania. Her lengthy obituary in the *Virginia Herald* of August 24, 1816, gives the following information: "Died, August 18th, 1816, in the 71st year of her age, Mrs. Philadelphia Fox, consort of the late Thomas Fox of Spotsylvania County." This wife was many years THOMAS's junior.

⁵It is interesting to note that both wives of Thomas Fox were named Philadelphia.

The will⁶ of THOMAS FOX, proved November 6, 1792, names his surviving wife and his thirteen children.

⁶A copy of the will of Thomas Fox of Spotsylvania may be seen in *Will Book E*, 1772-1798, page 1186, in the County Clerk's Office, also in Crozier, *Virginia Counties*, I, pp. 48, 49.

The children of THOMAS and Philadelphia (Claiborne) Fox were:

1. Nathaniel Fox (1748-1819), born in King William County, married Sarah Newton, daughter of Major William and Margaret (Monroe) Newton of Stafford County. Nathaniel is mentioned in the will of Major Newton as the latter's "son-in-law." (Dates from pension application⁷ and obituary in the *Fredericksburg Virginia Herald*.) They left issue.

⁷No attempt has been made to give military service.

2. Thomas Fox, born in King William, died in Shenandoah County, leaving a large estate, about the distribution of which a Chancery suit was pending in the Winchester District Court for about twenty-five years. He did not marry.

3. Philadelphia Fox, born in King William, married John Wigglesworth of Spotsylvania. They left issue.

4. Ann Fox, born in King William in 1754, died in 1821. Her tombstone may be seen in St. George's churchyard at Fredericksburg. She married John Chew and left issue.

5. Joseph Fox,⁸ born in King William *circa* 1756, died in 1821, did not marry.

⁸It was while Joseph Fox was on a visit to King William County that James Fox of "Retreat" wrote (August 29, 1821) to Ann Chew of Fredericksburg: "Cousin Joseph Fox your brother, is now with me [at 'Retreat']. He came here about three weeks ago, extremely unwell . . . from his account he has been indisposed ever since he left Spotsylvania and what made him worse, was, he says, putting off his flannels several nights whilst he was in King and Queen, which he had not done for many years before."

Early in September Mrs. Chew sent a carriage to "Retreat" in King William at the urgent request of Joseph Fox, to take him to Fredericksburg, where he died the morning following his arrival—September 6, 1821.

6. William Fox. He is supposed to have died unmarried in Spotsylvania County *circa* 1795.

7. Elizabeth Fox (*circa* 1762-April, 1796), was born in King William County. She married on January 16, 1783, John Frazer (died December, 1795), son of James and Elizabeth (Foster) Frazer of Spotsylvania. They left issue. (From *Frazer Family Bible*.)

The children of THOMAS FOX and his second wife, Philadelphia (Herndon) Fox, were:

8. Barbara Fox (February, 1766-1833), was born in Spotsylvania County. She married on March 22, 1787, Captain William Brown Wallace (July 26, 1757-1833). He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. They moved to Kentucky, and both died in 1833. (Dates from *Wallace Bible*.) They had issue.

9. Mary ("Polly") Fox spent her life at "Fox's Lease" in Spotsylvania, and died there in 1823. She did not marry.

10. Stephen Fox in 1796 married his cousin, Elizabeth Herndon of Orange County, and went to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. They left issue.

11. John Fox married Ann Threlkeld (1772-1828), daughter of Elijah Threlkeld of Stafford County, and lived in Prince William County. They had issue.

12. Edmund Herndon Fox married his cousin Virginia Herndon, who died in 1817 at the birth of her only child. Edmund was killed in 1822 by a fall from his horse. They left a daughter.

13. James Herndon Fox, died in 1817, unmarried.

N. B.: The information regarding the second wife and the children of Thomas Fox was kindly contributed by Mr. G. H. S. King, who is of that line.

JOSEPH FOX, SENIOR

JOSEPH FOX, son of Thomas Fox and Mary (Tunstall) Fox, died in 1788/89. The *Diary* of Thomas H. Fox (1793-1873) of "Ellington," Hanover County, Virginia, gives this information: "My grandfather was born about seven months after the death of his father, and was not provided for in his father's will, and was by the laws of Virginia at that time denied the right to any portion of his father's property. He, however, received a pretty good education and one servant, as I have learned from my own immediate family. His son John was my father." This grandfather was JOSEPH FOX, son of Thomas Fox and Mary (Tunstall) Fox, and the father of Captain John Fox (1760-1814).

That JOSEPH FOX filled a position of importance and was held in high esteem by his contemporaries is shown by two letters on file in the Archives of the Virginia State Library. The first is from Drury Ragsdale to His Excellency, Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia:

King Wm. Jany 24th 1789

Sir,

The Death of Mr. Joseph Fox late Inspector¹ of Tobo. at the Warehouse's² of Frazers and Mantepike, and the Promotion of Mr. William Alvey, the assistant-Inspector, renders the appointment of an assistant necessary, which I apprehend must be made by your board. Presuming therefore that some Information on this head may be necessary, I have taken the Liberty of recommending Mr. Nathaniel Fox Junr. son to the Deceased. I am satisfied in my mind, that he is well qualifeyed for this office, and that he will continue (as he has heretofore done) to pursue the conduct of his Father, who was well known by Mr. Braxton,³ to whom I by leave to refer your Excellency and the Council on this Head.

I am very Respectfully

Your Obt Sert.

(Signed) Drury Ragsdale

¹According to an act of October, 1778, inspectors were allowed a fee of 10 shillings for every hogshead and cask of

tobacco that they "viewed, examined, and stamped."—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, IX, p. 503.

²Tobacco warehouses were formerly called rolling-houses. The name was derived from the practice common in the Colony before the introduction of wagons, of "rolling the tobacco to market."—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, IV, p. 32.

³Carter Braxton (1736-1797) of "Elsing Green," a member of the Assembly from King William County in 1768, a Burgess, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a near neighbor of Joseph Fox's.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, III, p. 427; *Dictionary of American Biography*, II, pp. 609, 610.

The second letter, from Bernard Moore to Governor Randolph, reads as follows:

25th Jan. 1789

Dr. Sir,

The Bearer hereof Mr. Nathani^l Fox is the Son of the late Mr. Jos. Fox, who was late Inspector at Frazer's—that Gentleman acted as Inspector at that warehouse for upwards of forty years, and always sustained the Character of an honest man and a good Inspector—By his death a vacancy has happened, and wch. the law requires should be filled by yr. Body; permit me therefore to recommend to yr. choice the Bearer—he is a married man and having for many years been in the practice of making tobacco, is generally esteemed a good Judge. His character is well known in the neighborhood to be that of an honest industrious man and lives at the plantation of his deceased Father not more than two miles from the Inspection.

I am yr. * * *

(Signed) Bernard Moore⁴

⁴Bernard Moore of "Chelsea" (built 1709), a Burgess from King William, was also a neighbor of Joseph Fox's. He was a representative in the Assembly in 1768.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, III, p. 427.

These letters mention not only the death of JOSEPH FOX, but likewise the position which he had held for "upwards of forty years." They also furnish proof that Nathaniel Fox was the son of JOSEPH FOX, which fact is further proved by the land tax

alterations of King William County for the year 1789: "Joseph Fox, estate 615 acres . . . son and heir, Nathaniel Fox."

On this 615 acres JOSEPH FOX had paid taxes since 1782,⁵ the first year after the Independence of the Colonies for which there is a systematic record⁶ of tax receipts. He was the only Joseph Fox paying taxes in King William County from 1782 to 1789. Doubtless he had owned the property for some years previous to 1782.

⁵In 1782 Joseph Fox (Senior) paid personal taxes on 1 tithable, 30 slaves, 8 horses, 15 cattle, 2 wheels.

⁶However, it is recorded that on March 17, 1780, produce was received from Joseph Fox for taxes—36 bushels corn and oats ("2 bu. short"). This may have been in compliance with the act of the General Assembly passed in 1780 imposing a tax for supporting the "publick credit," and providing for the armaments employed, as well as for the more immediate defense of the Commonwealth, such as its quota of troops on Continental establishment.

There are records of several Revolutionary Claims allowed to Joseph Fox of King William County:

Aug. 17, 1781—Just. Livingston to Joseph Fox for 55 lbs. mutton—0.18.2.

Aug. 25, 1781—Just. Livingston to Jos. Fox for 68 lbs. mutton—1.2.8.

Dec. 23, 1781—Henry Johnston and others to Joseph Fox for 550 lbs. beef—6.17.6.

The home⁷ of JOSEPH FOX, built probably in the 1740's, stood until 1933, when it was taken down by the present owner with the intention of erecting a modern residence in its place. It stood a short distance back from the public road leading to King William Court House, about eight miles southeast of the Court House. It was situated on a beautiful knoll overlooking broad fields. The hill at the back of the house led down to a fine spring.

As originally built, the house was after the style of many early Colonial houses, a story and a half above the basement, in which were the dining-room and kitchen; with a massive brick chimney at each end and a sharply gabled, shingled roof and dormer windows. It was built of the best hand-hewn timbers and was put together with wooden pegs and hand-wrought nails. On the first floor

there were two large rooms, with one front and one back door. From the east room a stairway led to the floor above, which likewise had two rooms.

An addition of two rooms, one above the other, was made at some time, as was shown by the joining of the timbers in the two portions of the house. One of the original chimneys thus became an inside chimney. Another stairway was built in, and another door was made in the front of the house.

About a quarter of a mile from the site of the old house there are two graveyards. There are no tombstones, and the grounds are not enclosed. No burial has taken place in either for many, many years, and no person now living can tell just who is buried in either. One is thought to have been a burying ground for slaves.

"The plantation has long been known as "Rose Garden." By whom it was named is not known; it seems probable that it was so called during the lifetime of Joseph Fox. Tradition says that the first owner had an acre of roses and that from this the farm derived its name.

In King William Tax Records Joseph's son Nathaniel, then Joseph's grandson, Nathaniel, Jr., and later (1822) the estate of Nathaniel, Jr., are mentioned as being taxed on a tract in King William County, which unquestionably was a part of the estate of Joseph, originally 615 acres, inherited by Nathaniel, Sr., in 1789; in *King William Records*, Volume VIII, page 447, the tract is called "Rose Garden."

JOSEPH FOX (died 1788/9), son of Thomas Fox and Mary (Tunstall) Fox, married Mildred⁸ Fenton.⁹

⁸See *Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, II, p. 113.

Every child of Joseph Fox who had daughters named one of them "Mildred."

⁹Proof: The statement made by Dr. William Henry Fox (1825-1902) of Ashland, Virginia (great-grandson of Joseph and Mildred Fox through their son Captain John Fox), to Dr. De la Warr B. Easter (and recorded by him), that Joseph's wife was Mildred Fenton; also a letter written in 1917 by Mrs. Charles H. Green (a descendant of Joseph and Mildred Fox through their son Nathaniel Fox, and now deceased), in which she said: "I know that Joseph's wife was Mildred Fenton." (These authorities are quoted with the permission and through the kindness of Mrs. G. W. Bonte.)

No documentary proof of the *parentage* of Mildred Fenton is available. However, the John Fenton mentioned in the item below may have been her father: "The appraisem^t and sale of the Estate of John Fenton deced returned & admitted to record. —December 8, 1749." (From *Caroline Order Book III (1)*, p. 184.)

Another possible ancestor of Mildred's was Henry Fenton, Gentleman, to whom a patent grant was made on December 1, 1649, for 1,500 acres "lying within the mouth of Mattapony river, on the east side thereof," within the County of York, adjoining Richard Major and including Fenton's Creek—for transporting thirty persons.—*Land Patent Book II*, p. 199.

Joseph and Mildred Fox had issue:¹⁰

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1. E—— Fox.
2. Nathaniel Fox, "son and heir" (*King William Tax Alterations*, 1789).
3. Joseph Fox, Jr. (died 1781), who married Levina (surname unknown) and left one son, Joseph S. Fox.
4. M (Mary or Mildred ?) Fox, probably married —— Degge,¹¹ and had:
 - (1) Milley C. Degge, who married between August, 1804, and 1807 (William ?)¹² Jones.
 - (2) Robert F. Degge.
5. Barbara Fox (July 9, 1752-1807), married Drury Ragsdale.
6. Thomas Fox (died 1805), married Leah Lipscomb. They were the grandparents of Dr. Charles L. Cocke, of Hollins.
7. John Fox (June 29, 1760-December 29, 1814), of whom hereafter.

¹⁰For basis of this chart, see page 42.

¹¹The spelling varies: Degges, Deggs, Degge.

¹²It seems probable that the husband of Milley C. Jones was William Jones, whose land lay near that of John Fox, as is shown by land boundaries. In a number of old records William Jones is mentioned as a witness in matters connected with John Fox.

NATHANIEL FOX

NATHANIEL FOX (died before August 20, 1809¹), "son and heir" of Joseph Fox, inherited from his father 615 acres in St. John's Parish, King William County, according to land tax alterations for 1789. This was the plantation on which Joseph had lived, and there NATHANIEL continued to live for the remainder of his life.

¹Quite evidently Nathaniel Fox was dead on August 20, 1809, when Henry Young of King and Queen County certified that Nathaniel Fox entered the 7th Virginia Regiment in 1776. (Original certificate in the Archives of the Virginia State Library.)

Soon after the death of his father, NATHANIEL FOX was appointed assistant inspector of tobacco, and later for many years he held the position of inspector, which his father had formerly filled.

In 1804 NATHANIEL acquired by purchase, of Captain William B. Wallace, executor of the will of Thomas Fox of Spotsylvania, 350 acres on the Mattaponi River in King William County, known as "Fox's Ferry."² Probably this included the plantation which had been received by Thomas Fox (=Mary Tunstall) by royal grant in 1713.

²See *King William Records*, IV, pp. 98, 99.

It is not known whom NATHANIEL FOX married.³ He died intestate. His "sole surviving heirs" (wife not named, so evidently not living) are named in a voucher for a Revolutionary Land Grant (Warrant 5840).⁴ This voucher was recorded in King William County on March 26, 1810, by Robert Pollard, C. C. The children, the first five of whom were living and of "full age" in 1810, were:

1. Henry Fox.⁵
2. Nathaniel Fox (died 1820/21).
3. Polly Fox, who married Jacob Abbott.
4. Philadelphia Fox, who married John Pumphrey.
5. Elizabeth A. Fox.

6. Nancy Fox (died before March 26, 1810), who married Charles Camer and had one child:

(1) Catharine Camer.

³No old marriage bonds or vestry books of King William are available, all of them having been lost or destroyed many years ago.

⁴*Warrant 5840*, issued May 1, 1810; in the Virginia Land Office.

Testimony to service, Note 1 above and the following certificate:

I do Certify to the best of my Knowledge, that Nath. Fox decd. of King Wm. County Served in the 7th Virginia Regt. in the last Revolutionary War as a Second Lieutenant dureing the term of three years and upwards, given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1809—

Thomas Lipscomb Ensign
in the same Regt.

Test
William Prosser
Nath. Fox

—Revolutionary War Certificate in the Archives of Virginia State Library.

⁵In *Virginia Soldiers of 1776* (III, p. 1224) by Louis Burgess there is an abstract of the will of Reuben Lipscomb of King William County, dated April 28, 1778, in which there are mentioned legacies to "Ann Fox, daughter of Nathaniel Fox," and to "Henry Fox, son of Nathaniel Fox."

NATHANIEL FOX, "Sen.," is listed in King William Personal Tax Records for 1787 and Nathaniel Fox is mentioned as tithable for him. The next year and for several years thereafter, NATHANIEL FOX, SENIOR, and Nathaniel Fox, Junior, paid taxes individually in King William County.

In 1810 and later only one Nathaniel Fox appears in the King William tax papers. In the year 1815 he is listed as "overseer, Hanover." He was, however, still paying taxes in King William County on the tract on Cohoke Swamp adjoining Hickerson and Bagwell, eight miles southeast of the Court House. This was the plantation which he had inherited from Nathaniel, Sr., who had it from his father, Joseph Fox. It remained in the possession of Nathaniel, Jr., until his death.

Nathaniel in 1817 purchased as a home, "Springfield," 436 acres on the Pamunkey River, in St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Coun-

ty. He married twice. His first wife is mentioned in a transfer of property in 1805 as "Mary C. Fox." The second wife, Susan, survived him. He left descendants.

The will of Nathaniel Fox, dated June 29, 1817, and recorded in Hanover County, was administered by James Fox of King William. In 1821 the latter offered for sale "Rose Garden," the home of the late Major Nathaniel Fox. Later James Fox sold to Bailey Fox, of King William County, son of Nathaniel, Jr., a part of "Rose Garden," "nigh to Cohoke swamp—formerly the property of Nathaniel Fox of King William County." On the survey drawing made in connection with this sale there are the following notations: "Major N. Fox" and "Major Nathl. Fox."—*King William Records*, VIII, pp. 447, 448.

According to the Hanover tax papers for 1822, the home in Hanover was transferred to Susan Fox.

In the records of the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia a Nathaniel Fox is listed as an original member.⁶ His rank is given as "Major," and the date on which his service as an officer began as January 26, 1776. (Hume, *Sesquicentennial History and Roster of the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia*, 1783-1933, p. 56.) Unfortunately the portion of the record which would show his place of residence and the date on which his service terminated is torn off. Consequently it is not possible to determine from this record which of the Nathaniel Foxes who were officers in the Revolutionary War was a member of the Society.

⁶The original roll is in the Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress.

JOSEPH FOX, JUNIOR

JOSEPH FOX, JUNIOR (died 1781), son of Joseph Fox and Mildred (Fenton) Fox, on May 25, 1780, was elected Collector of King William rents for William and Mary College "in ye stead of James Wilson who had resigned." (*William and Mary Quarterly*, XV, p. 172.) He served only a few months, however, for at a meeting¹ of the president and professors of the College of William and Mary held early in 1781, Mr. Benj. Spiller was appointed Collector of King William rents "in ye stead of Mr. Fox, deceased."

¹The record of this meeting is not dated, but according to Dr. E. G. Swem, Librarian of William and Mary, who kindly examined (1938) the manuscript text of the faculty minute book, from the position of the record in the text, the meeting was held evidently sometime between January 1, 1781, and March 7, 1781.

JOSEPH FOX, JR. (died 1781), married Levina (surname not known). They had one son, Joseph S. Fox (*circa* 1775-1807). (See record of the estate of Joseph S. Fox in the Tax Receipts for King and Queen County.)

In the Revolutionary Claims for King William County, "Jos. Fox, Jr.," is credited, on April 4, 1780, with 112 pounds of tobacco—for taxes.

Another item: "Sept. 21, 1782, Jos. Fox, Jr., estate is allowed part—90 bu. corn impressed (proved), 9.0.0."

In King William Tax Records for 1782, the estate of JOSEPH FOX [JR.] was listed as consisting of 478 acres and as valued at 179.5.0. Evidently a part of this land had been disposed of by 1785, for in that year the number of acres listed was 300, which it remained until 1796, when the estate was settled. It appears that the two brothers, Captain John and JOSEPH FOX, JR., had become possessed of tracts in the northwest corner of King William County prior to 1781 (when JOSEPH, JR., died), and that their lands were in close proximity, as in 1796 John Fox purchased of Edmund Berkeley 8½ acres, which lay between his (John's) land and the estate of JOSEPH FOX, JR. (See page 55.)

Levina Fox paid personal taxes in King William County from 1782² to 1796. It appears that in the latter year she married John Garrett and moved to King and Queen County. It is probable that Joseph S. Fox came of age in that year, that the estate of his father, JOSEPH FOX, JUNIOR, was then settled, and that Joseph S. Fox also went to King and Queen³ to live.

²In 1782 Levina Fox paid taxes in King William County on 8 slaves (Farmous, Hannah, Isbell, Rose, Peter, Judy, Frances, Sucky), 4 horses, 2 cattle, 2 wheels.

³There are no tax receipts for Joseph S. Fox in the County of King William; there are receipts for him in King and Queen County from 1796 until 1807, when his "estate" is first mentioned.

On April 11, 1796, an indenture was made between John Garrett and Levina, his wife, of King and Queen County, of the one part, and Joseph S. Fox of King and Queen County, of the second part. For the sum of 20 pounds current money, the said Joseph S. Fox acquired all rights and interests "of the Dower Land of the said Levina the wife of John Garrett which she inherited for life of the Estate of her late husband Joseph Fox, Junr. decd," which land lay in St. David's Parish, King William County, and was laid off for 100 acres, "bounded by the ballance of the Tract from which it was taken" and which was the property of the said Joseph S. Fox—bounded by Herring Creek, the land of Jane Garnett, and the land of William Burruss.—*King William Records*, III, pp. 193-195.

JOSEPH S. FOX (*circa* 1775-1807) married Elizabeth Campbell. They lived and are buried at "Fox's Tavern" in King and Queen County. Their eldest son, Edward,⁴ married his cousin, Emily Pollard Campbell, daughter of Alexander Campbell of "Plain Dealing," King and Queen County, where Edward and Emily lived and are buried. Edward and Emily (Campbell) Fox left issue.⁵

⁴"Died—On the 5th inst. at his residence in King and Queen, Mr. Edward Fox, in the 39th year of his age. Mr. Fox was a member of Bruington Baptist Church."—*Religious Herald*, October 23, 1835.

⁵The information regarding the descendants of Joseph S. Fox was kindly contributed by Mrs. E. Lansing Fox.

— (FOX) DEGGE

— Fox,¹ daughter of Joseph Fox and his wife, Mildred (Fenton) Fox, married — Degge, and had children Milley C. Degge and Robert F. Degge,² and perhaps others.

¹The "MF," or perhaps the "EF," on the sampler of Barbara (Fox) Ragsdale. (See page 42.)

²Robert F. Degge was a witness on December 2, 1803, to an indenture between George Fox and Ann (Banks) Fox, his wife, and John King, Jr.—*King William Records*, IV, pp. 275, 276.

Milley C. Degge witnessed an indenture between Reubin Burnett and Sally, his wife, and George T. Fox, made on August 17, 1804, for land in the upper part of King William County. The other witnesses were Fanny Fox and John Fox. (*King William Records*, IV, p. 302.)

In 1807 Milley C. Jones signed a legal paper: "I, Milley C. Jones, do certify that I heard my late uncle Thomas Fox, say that he would take my brother Robert F. Deggs' coat and pay him forty dollars when he arrived to lawful age, and I do further certify that he did take the said coat as his own property and use him as such. . . Given under my hand this 27th of January 1807. Milley C. Jones."

Probably the following receipt was for final payment of this debt: "Received, April 11, 1808, of James Fox, executor of Thomas Fox, deceased, the sum of thirteen pounds, one shilling and seven d., in full [payment?] of this claim both as to principal and interest to this day, agreeable to within certificate.

"R. F. Degges. Teste, John Christian."

(Originals among the papers of the late Miss Matty L. Cocke, of Hollins College.)

BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE

BARBARA FOX, daughter of Joseph Fox and Mildred (Fenton) Fox, was born on July 9, 1752, and died in 1807. Her name and the date of her birth are on a sampler made by her, which is now in the keeping of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. BARBARA FOX married Drury Ragsdale¹ (1750-1804) of King William County. Upon his death in 1804 she received by will his entire estate. BARBARA survived her husband only a few years, dying intestate and leaving four daughters: Frances, Ann Catherine, Mildred Ann, and Elizabeth.—*Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, II, p. 113; *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXXVII, p. 282.

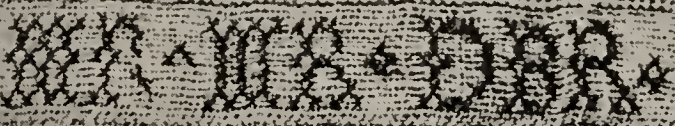
¹Drury Ragsdale was prominent in the affairs of the county, an officer in the Revolutionary army, and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.—Hume, *Sesquicentennial History and Roster of the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia*, p. 56.

"To be eligible [for membership in the Society of the Cincinnati] an officer must have (a) served as such for three years; (b) have served to the end of the war; (c) have been 'deranged,' that is rendered supernumerary, in one of the several reorganizations of the army." "The eldest male descendant of each original member is entitled to apply for admission to the Society."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XLIII, p. 54.

The sampler embroidered by BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE gives not only the date of her birth, but a number of initials, the first series evidently those of her parents, herself, her brothers, and her sister or sisters. The children of Joseph and Mildred Fox appear to be listed in order, but beginning with the youngest rather than the oldest: JMF [Joseph M. Fox, father]; MF [Mildred Fox, mother]; JF [John Fox]; TF [Thomas Fox]; BF [Barbara Fox]; MF [Mildred? Fox]; JF [Joseph Fox, Jr.]; NF [Nathaniel Fox]; EF [E—— Fox].

The second series of initials seems to represent the Ragsdale family, husband and children of BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE.

There can be little doubt that John Fox was the youngest child of Joseph and Mildred (Fenton) Fox. According to the *Diary* of



SAMPLER OF BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE



his son Thomas H. Fox, he was born on June 29, 1760. Certainly Barbara and Nathaniel were older than he was, for, as we have seen, Barbara was born on July 9, 1752, and in 1789 Nathaniel was the oldest living son, as is proved by the King William Tax Record for that year, which lists him as "heir of Joseph Fox." The first "JF" on the sampler rather than the second must therefore stand for John, as he would hardly have been listed between Barbara and Nathaniel.

That BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE was the sister of Captain John Fox is clearly proved by extracts from two letters (quoted through the courtesy of Mrs. G. W. Bonte of New York, a descendant of BARBARA RAGSDALE) written by John Brett Richeson, who married Mildred Anne Ragsdale, daughter of BARBARA (FOX) RAGSDALE.² In one letter, dated August 15, 1837, to Francis West Quarles, Mr. Richeson names "Captain³ John Fox." In the other letter, dated July 13, 1848, to Mrs. Francis West Quarles (Mary Elizabeth West Richeson Quarles), he mentions "your uncle⁴ John Fox." These letters were in regard to the settlement of the estate of Major Drury Ragsdale, of which Captain John Fox was an executor, in compliance with the request of Major Ragsdale.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XXVI, p. 262.

²See Ragsdale Family, *William and Mary Quarterly*, XXVI, pp. 262, 263.

³Referred to as "Captain" in this instance rather than "uncle"—Francis West Quarles was not related to John Fox.

⁴Great-uncle of Mrs. Francis West Quarles.

THOMAS, SON OF JOSEPH FOX

THOMAS FOX, who died in 1805, was the son of Joseph Fox and Mildred (Fenton) Fox. "Old manuscripts show that Thomas Fox lived in King William Co., and married Leah Lipscomb, and they were ancestors of Charles L. Cocke, of Hollins Institute. Thomas Fox had a brother John Fox, and it is believed that Captain Nathaniel Fox was another brother."—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XVII, p. 303.

As early as 1782 THOMAS FOX was "overseer" for Ralph Wormeley¹ of "Rosegill," Middlesex County, for his large plantation in King William County (known as "Manskin Lodge.")—*Calendar of State Papers*, III, p. 138.

¹Ralph Wormeley was descended from the Honorable Ralph Wormeley, Esquire, who in 1699 was granted 5,920 acres in Pamunkey Neck, King and Queen County, beginning at the corner of the College land, adjoining Dabney's on the Pamunkey River. This was part of 13,500 acres granted to him by patent on October 25, 1695, for transporting into the Colony 69 persons, the names of whom are given in the early patent. The 13,500 acres were surrendered by Wormeley in 1696 to "his most Sacred Maj^{tie} King Wm.," that his Majesty's royal grant of 10,000 acres to the College of William and Mary might have precedence.—*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 222.

A letter of date April 25, 1782, from Ralph Wormeley of "Rosegill" to Governor Harrison, gives the following information: "My Overseer Mr. Thos: Fox has wrote me, to let me know he has been very ill treated by Some of the military that are quartered on my land in King Wm. I can't help complaining. I have had troupes of Horse there constantly for more than Twelve months, which I believe there is not another instance of the sort to be given in this State. I was up there in the Winter. . . I have desired Mr. Fox to wait on your Excellency who will inform you of every particular better than I can."—*Calendar of State Papers*, III, pp. 138, 139.—Original letter in the Archives Department, Virginia State Library.

In the *Virginia Gazette* of March 7, 1787, Ralph Wormeley advertised 1,500 acres of land on the Pamunkey River, in King William County. "Mr. Fox, who lives on the estate, will show the land."

The tax receipts for 1787 show that the position of overseer for this property was a very responsible one: "Thomas Fox (tithable) overseer, 2 white males, 16 to 21 years old; 54 slaves over 16; 35 slaves under 21 years; 13 horses, mules; 226 cattle, 1 stud; 5,675 acres of land."

In 1791 THOMAS FOX took over from John Stubbs, a deed of trust for 496 acres of the College lands,² and secured in 1793 a full title to the same. David Valentine and Benjamin Timberlake were witnesses. (*King William Records*, III, pp. 15, 16.) On this plantation THOMAS FOX established his home, which was called "The College."³

²There is in an old survey book in the Library of the College of William and Mary (see page 52) a "Plot of Thomas Fox's College Land containing two hundred and fifty-four acres," the boundaries of which are shown. The record is dated December, 1791, and is signed by John Fox, surveyor. William Croxton and William Win were the chain carriers.

On April 21, 1792, a lease of a portion of the College Lands was granted to James, Robert, and John Fox (sons of Thomas Fox) for a yearly rent of 800 pounds of tobacco. The record was written and signed by "Tho. Fox." "The duplicate of said lease is in the College papers at Williamsburg."

³In a *Diary* kept in 1802 by his son, James Fox, at that time manager of "Manskin Lodge" for Ralph Wormeley, are these entries: "Nov. 7, Captain John Fox came to meet Mr. Isaac Butler and Mr. Sam Edwards by appointment. They failed to come and he stayed all night and my father came over at night." "Sunday, 14—Went to the College to see my mother, who is sick with measles.—Went to College meeting house and returned to the College to dine."

The late Miss Belle Cocke of Roanoke told the writer that during the War Between the States her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fox) Cocke, went "down the county" to visit the family burying ground at the old home, "The College," and that Mrs. Cocke was much distressed to find her sister's tombstone being used as a porch step.

THOMAS FOX was a lay delegate from St. David's Parish⁴ to the Convention of the Episcopal Church in Richmond in 1795 and again in 1799.—Meade, *Old Virginia Churches, Ministers, and Families*, I, p. 380.

⁴St. David's Parish was formed in 1745. It included all that portion of St. John's Parish above the line from the upper part

of the plantation known as Viccary's, on the Mattaponi River, to the mouth of Mancuen Creek on the Pamunkey River, and the part of St. Margaret's Parish which lay below the Caroline County line.—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, V, p. 255.

"Notice is hereby given, that the Parish of St. David's in the County of King William, is vacant; and that the Vestry would be glad to engage with any MINISTER of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of known good character. March 17, 1789."—*Virginia Independent Chronicle*, 1789.

THOMAS FOX and Leah, his wife, had twelve children, seven of whom were living on August 31, 1804, when THOMAS made his will, which was probated December 23, 1805. In the will he names "my loving wife, Leah Fox," to whom, after a few bequests to his children, he "lent" his entire estate during her natural life or widowhood. The estate was then to be divided among his children: "James [died 1840], John, Jeremiah,⁵ Martha, George,⁶ Joseph [who married his cousin Elizabeth Darrell Fox], and Elizabeth⁷ [1787-1871]," who married James Cocke (1783-1856) and became the mother of the late Dr. Charles L. Cocke of Hollins Institute. A daughter, "Millie,"⁸ had died in 1802, and another son, Robert, had probably already died. THOMAS FOX appointed his "brother John Fox and son James Fox" executors of his will (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXXVIII, p. 74) and asked that they not be required to give security.

⁵There is in the Essex County Clerk's Office a marriage bond, dated June 12, 1813, for Jeremiah Fox and Nancy Beazley, bachelor and spinster. The bondsmen were Jeremiah Fox and Ephraim Beazley; the witness, W. B. Matthews.

⁶A memorandum of July, 1806, signed by George Fox, says: "I this day have bargained and sold unto James Fox my * * * my right and interest in my deceased father, Thomas Fox's est. agreeable to his last Will and Testament."—*King William Records*, V, pp. 66, 67.

⁷The dates for Elizabeth (Fox) Cocke and James Cocke are from the *Cocke Family Bible*.

⁸James Fox in his *Diary* records for Monday, December 13, 1802: "Sister Milly [Mildred] died this morning at 4 o'clock."

JAMES FOX (died 1840), eldest son of Thomas Fox and Leah (Lipscomb) Fox, was not only administrator, with Captain John

Fox, of the will of his father, but was also executor, with Thomas H. Fox, of the estate of Captain John Fox.

JAMES FOX in 1800 purchased "Retreat," the residence at that time of Captain John Fox, and there eight years later built a handsome brick residence. In 1812 JAMES FOX purchased, for \$3,090, from the estate of Ralph Wormeley a tract of 400 acres on the Pamunkey River in King William, which he called "Queenfield."—*King William Records*, VII (2), pp. 268, 269.

JAMES FOX married in 1824 Mary ("Polly") Burton (*circa* 1788-*circa* 1867).¹ He, his wife, and their son James Burton Fox (died in 1832, according to his tombstone) are buried in the small brick enclosure in the graveyard at "Retreat." In his will JAMES FOX directed that his slaves, at the death of his wife, be sent by the Virginia Colonization Society, to Liberia, Africa, "but if any choose to remain slaves, they shall be at liberty to choose their own masters." His widow did not die until after the War Between the States, when, by the Emancipation Proclamation, all slaves had been freed.

¹In the *Census* of Virginia for 1850, the age of Mrs. Mary Fox (widow of James Fox) is given as 62 years.

JAMES FOX appointed his nephew, Charles L. Cocke, executor of his large estate. To his wife (during her lifetime) JAMES FOX bequeathed, besides certain personal property and slaves, the plantation on which he had been living ("Retreat"), together with his plantation called "Chicks"—762 acres, on both sides of the road from Mangohick to Reedy Mills, bounded by the estates of William S. Ryland and James Cocke, deceased, and the lands of Robert J. Fox, Berkeley, and others.

In her later life Mrs. Fox was an invalid in a wheel chair, and it appears that for a number of years preceding her death, Dr. J. B. Moore and his family lived at "Retreat" with her.

On November 23, 1865, this property was purchased by Dr. Moore, and on May 1, 1867, it was conveyed by him and his wife, Victoria Ann Moore, to R. G. Tyler of Detroit, Michigan.—*King William Records*, XVI (2), pp. 359-361.

CAPTAIN JOHN FOX

JOHN FOX, son of Joseph Fox and Mildred (Fenton) Fox, was born¹ on June 29, 1760, and died at his home in St. David's Parish, King William County, on Thursday, December 29, 1814, at the age of exactly fifty-four and one-half years.²

¹It is probable that at the time of John Fox's birth his parents were living at "Rose Garden," in St. John's Parish. (See page 34.)

²"On June 12 [1776], the convention of Virginia adopted, unanimously, a declaration of rights, and on June 29, unanimously, a State constitution by which it was declared that the government of this country, as formerly exercised under the Crown of Great Britain, is 'totally dissolved.' "—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XIX, p. 255. (June 29, 1776, was the sixteenth birthday of John Fox!)

JOHN married, *first*, Judith Turner,³ who died *circa* 1790, leaving three small children:⁴

1. George Fox, who died young.
2. Elizabeth Darrell⁵ Fox (*circa* 1785-*circa* 1837), of whom hereafter.
3. Joseph Coleman Fox (1787-1831), never married.

³Judith (Turner) Fox, first wife of John Fox, was probably of the Turner family which lived in the central part of King William County. Several patentees by the name of Turner were granted lands in King William County in early days and became prominent in the affairs of the county. Judith, George, and Elizabeth Turner are names found in old King William records.

⁴The names of all the children of John Fox are given in full in the *Diary* of his son, Thomas H. Fox, as are the dates of the birth and death of Captain Fox and his wife Frances Woolfolk Fox. The other dates are from *Family Bibles* and cemetery records.

The following was copied from an old paper found in the effects of Richard Woolfolk Fox II, of "Palestine." The paper is not signed and bears no date, but evidently was written by a contemporary of Nathaniel Fox. The writer seems not to have been familiar with the children of Captain John Fox and his first wife, Judith (Turner) Fox.

"Thomas Fox, Sen., had sons Robert, John, James, George,

Jerry, and Joe—two daughters, Millie, and Betsey, who married James Cocke.

"Jack Fox [Captain John Fox] had sons Thomas, Richard, and Charles; daughters, Mrs. Leftwich, Mrs. Hatchet, Mrs. Drury, and Betsey Darrell, who married Joe, son of Thomas Fox.

"Nat Fox in 1792 lived in the lower parish [of King William]; had children Nat Jun., Molley, Philadelphia, and Tom. A Joseph Fox lived in King and Queen. Nat Fox I saw in 1811 and spoke to him."

"The Darrell name (spelled variously Darrell, Dorrell, Darell, and Darrill) may have come from the Turner connection, or perhaps was used because of friendship for the Darrell family, who had been neighbors of the Foxes and Turners from early years.

"Dorrell Creek," "the Dorrell," and "Dorrell Plantation" are mentioned in very early records of King William County.

The Darrells trace back to Sir Marmaduke Darrell of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, England, who was a member of the Virginia Company.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XVII, p. 115.

The will of Sampson Darrell, Knight, was proved on July 1, 1635, by Elizabeth Darrell, relict. (See Virginia Gleanings in England, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXIV, p. 158.)

In 1699 a later "Sampson Darell," "pursuant to an order of the General Court," acquired 5,000 acres "scituate in Pamunkey Neck," adjoining Major Burwell's land on the Mattaponi River, thence to a branch on the south side of Herring Creek, and so on,—part of 20,000 acres granted in 1673 by patent to Philip Ludwell, Tobias Hansford, and Richard Whitehead. This was deeded to Sampson Darell "by right of Intermarriage with Elizabeth Hansford the daughter and heir of the aforesaid Tobias Hansford." "ffr Nicholson" was then Governor.—*Land Patent Book IX*, p. 217.

Patents were granted to Darrells in several counties in Virginia.

In 1934, when "Wilton," formerly the home of William Randolph, was dismantled preparatory to its removal to its present site, south of Cary Street Road, Henrico County, the following inscription was found written in pencil on top of the paneling behind the cornice in the southwest room of the second floor: "Samson Darrill put up this cornish in the year of our Lord 1753."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XLII, pp. 292, 293.

JOHN FOX married, *second, circa* 1792, Frances Wyatt Woolfolk⁶ (June 29, 1762-November 2, 1823) of Caroline County. Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox was born in the same month and on the same day of the month as her husband, but two years later. She died in Richmond, and her remains were taken to "Retreat" for burial.

⁶Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox was the daughter of Richard Woolfolk and Mary (Coleman) Woolfolk of Caroline County. The parents of Mary Coleman were Samuel and Elizabeth Coleman. Samuel's will was presented for probate in Caroline Court on June 10, 1748, by Elizabeth Coleman and Edward Wiatt (doubtless her brother), executors, and was proved by Spilsby Coleman, Thomas Bullard and Thomas Walker, witnesses.—Caroline County *Order Book* III (1), p. 84.

Betty Coleman, widow of Samuel, married William Johnston before May 13, 1749, as on that date William Johnston, Betty his wife, and Edward Wiatt, "executors of Samuel Coleman, deceased," were plaintiffs in a suit.—Caroline County *Order Book* III (1), p. 152.

Seven children of Samuel Coleman are mentioned in a record dated June 15, 1771, of an old suit in Chancery. The plaintiffs were Richard Woolfolk and Mary his wife; William Green and Ann his wife; Robert Coleman; Francis Coleman; Elizabeth Coleman; Thomas Coleman by Thomas Coleman his guardian; Spilsby Coleman by Richard Woolfolk his guardian. The defendants were William Johnston and Betty his wife, Thomas Coleman, and Edward Wyatt, executors of the will of Samuel Coleman.—Caroline County *Order Book* IX, p. 232.

Another son was Wyatt Coleman, who on May 27, 1748, made choice of Edward Wiatt "to contest the probate of his father Samuel Coleman's Will."—Caroline County *Order Book* III (1), p. 84.

JOHN FOX and Frances Wyatt Fox had issue:

4. Thomas Henry Fox (April 15, 1793—buried⁷ April 2, 1873), of whom hereafter.

"Buried ——" indicates that the information was taken from the cemetery record.

5. Judith Turner Fox (1794—buried July 17, 1868), of whom hereafter.

6. Richard Woolfolk Fox (April 2, 1795—April 3, 1864), of whom hereafter.

7. Mary Coleman Fox (1796—July 7, 1821), did not marry. She died in Richmond and was taken to "Retreat" for burial. "Hers was a fine Christian character." (*Diary* of Thomas H. Fox.)

8. Mildred Stevens Fox (1798-1872), of whom hereafter.

9. Frances Wyatt Fox (1800—buried February 25, 1867), of whom hereafter.

10. Charles James Fox (1803—buried September 6, 1876), of whom hereafter.

Thomas H. Fox, eldest son of JOHN FOX and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, in his *Diary* gives the following information: "June 29, 1857—this day 97 years ago my father was born; and 95 years ago my mother was born"; "December 29, 1858—my honored father died 44 years ago, after about 15 hours of sickness of sore throat."

Thomas H. Fox pays a high tribute to his parents: "I was blessed in having intelligent parents with minds stored with useful and practical knowledge, and especially the knowledge of Divine Truth which makes unto Salvation. They recognized their responsibility to God as a means in His hands for the salvation of their tender offspring." His mother was "a lady who enjoyed every advantage which wealth and refined and intelligent society could secure."

There is this further comment on his father: "My father was blessed with a strong and vigorous mind and quick perception, a discriminating judgment, and a power of nice analysis. He secured but an ordinary education, but by a judicious course of reading and such an investigation of the sciences and of Historical writings as the time he could spare from professional duties enabled him to make, he acquired a large amount of useful knowledge, fitting him for the practical duties of life, and rendering him a pleasant associate for the refined and educated who sought his companionship and whose own mental attainments, if not enlarged, were at least brightened and more distinctly impressed by those pertinent inquiries and appropriate and striking illustrations for which he was remarkable."

JOHN FOX was a man of great energy and ability. A lawyer by profession, he served as surveyor⁸ and sheriff⁹ of his county for

many years, and as justice of the peace, master commissioner, and escheator. There is much of interest relating to his activities as a county officer to be found in the *Records of King William County*. In the burning of the County Clerk's Office in 1885 many valuable records were destroyed; and of those that were saved, few are undamaged by heat or water. However, there are in the *King William Records* several beautifully executed survey drawings¹⁰ made by JOHN FOX, which are in good condition.

⁸County surveyors were nominated, examined, and "certified able" by the president and professors of the College of William and Mary. If of good character, they were then commissioned by the Governor, who made in each commission a reservation of one-sixth part of the legal fees received by the surveyor, for the use of the College. For the yearly payment of this, the surveyor gave bond and security to the president and masters of the College; he was also required to take oath and give bond before the County Court, with two securities. A surveyor held his office "during good behavior."

This procedure was established by an act of the General Assembly in May, 1779,—“3rd year of our Commonwealth.”—Hening, *Statutes at Large*, X, p. 53.

“The College was deprived of surveyors' fees in 1818-19,” according to an extract from a letter of Dr. Augustine Smith, one-time President of the College, to Mr. Cabell. (Copy of this extract in Library of College of William and Mary.)

There is in the Library of the College of William and Mary an old plat book containing more than three score survey drawings made and signed by John Fox, 1790-1793, of College lands in King William County. Following each survey there is an account of the lease of that portion of the land. These latter records were made and signed by Thomas Fox, who was “Agent for the College,” and who on a number of them signed himself “Tho. Fox, C.C.”

⁹On Monday, July 25, 1814, John Fox was constituted and appointed sheriff of King William County by James Barbour, Esquire, Governor (1812-1814) of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Nathaniel Fox, James Fox, Hardin Littlepage went on his bond for \$5,000.—*King William Records*, VI, pp. 350, 351.

¹⁰See pages 5, 21, 116, 237, in Book IV, *Photostat Copies of King William County Records*, for reproductions of some of them.

"JOHN FOX was a lieutenant in the Continental Army when very young, but was never in an engagement and never rose to rank higher than that of captain."¹¹ (*Diary.*)

¹¹John Fox may have been a captain of county militia. No record of his enlistment is available. His name appears often in the fragments of King William records as "*Captain John Fox*," and in later years as "*John Fox, Senior*," to distinguish him from his nephew of the same name. Sometimes he is mentioned as "*John Fox, Gentleman, Justice*" of King William County. (See *King William Records*, IV, p. 120.)

In the Archives of the Virginia State Library there is a list of persons in King William County from whom produce was received in 1780 for taxes. JOHN FOX is not named in this list, perhaps because he was not yet of age. In later lists,¹² however, his name appears.

¹²In 1782 (and for many years thereafter) one John Fox and only one is named on tax lists for King William County. This was without doubt Captain John Fox.

In the *Census* of Virginia taken in 1790, which names heads of families only, "Foxes" are listed in at least ten counties besides King William. Several of these were John Foxes.

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS

On August 26, 1781, Joseph Paxton authorized payment to JOHN FOX of 0.10.0 for 10 bushels of corn which had been impressed.

"I hereby Certifie I have received, for Publick use of John Fox, of King William County, two gross Beaves weighing Six hundred & Fifty pounds for which payment shall be made at the rate of * * * given under my hand this 20th Sept. 1781.

(Signed) John Hill

Commissr. Kg. Wm. Coty"

According to the *Index of Revolutionary Claims*, the amount paid was 8.2.6.

THE HOMESTEAD

Tax Receipts for King William County show that in 1782 JOHN FOX paid taxes¹³ on 300 acres, valued at 112£ 10s. There is no record of where this property was situated, or of how it had come into the possession of JOHN FOX. However, it seems very prob-

able that it was the tract later (and perhaps at that time) known as "Retreat," lying in St. David's Parish, in the northwest corner of King William County, which some years afterward JOHN FOX referred to as "the land whereon I now live"—and which, from its location, was evidently a part of the grant that had been made to Edmund Jenings,¹⁴ Esquire, in 1718. There are no records available to show intervening ownership.

¹³In 1785 John Fox paid taxes on the following slaves: Jenny, Sal, Peter, Creasy, Tillar, Lucy. Two years later John Fox ("Captain") paid on 5 blacks over 16; 11 under 16; 378 acres; 11 cattle; 1 chair; 5 horses.

¹⁴Edmund Jenings, Esquire, on the 20th of April, 1706, presented a memorial to his Excellency the Governor, setting forth that in consideration of his great services to her Majesty, and his small allowance for such services, he should have a gift,—and prayed that he "have priority and liberty of entring for a tract of land" in King William County, lying on the upper side of Herring Creek, joining the land of Darrell, his own plantation, etc., in the fork of the creek; that he be permitted to have it surveyed; and that a grant thereof be made to him when her Majesty should direct the patenting of lands in that county. It was ordered "that he have priority."—*Executive Journals, Council of Colonial Virginia*, III, pp. 81, 82.

In 1718 Edmund Jenings of York County, for the sum of 5 pounds 15 shillings, was granted 1,150 acres in King William County, new land, lying in several parcels on the south side of Mattaponi River between the upper Herring Creek and Reedy Swamp, beginning at the mouth of the North Fork of Herring Creek on the north side, bounded by the lines of Edward Arnold, William Grilles, John Hampton, Whitehead, Mixon, and on the line of the said Edmund Jenings.—*Land Patent Book X*, pp. 393, 394.

This line evidently was the boundary of an earlier grant, of 3,330 acres, on the south side of the Mattaponi River on Reedy Swamp, in the parish of St. John, in King William County, made to Edmund Jenings, Esquire, in 1713.—*Land Patent Book X*, p. 92.

By an indenture made on June 14, 1796, between Edmund Berkeley¹⁵ of Middlesex County and JOHN FOX of King William County, in consideration of 20 pounds 8 shillings current money, in hand paid to the said Edmund Berkeley, there was transferred to JOHN FOX, a tract of land in St. David's Parish, King William

Received of Mr. James Fox three hundred and
 twenty Dollars in part of the first payment for
 the purchase of the land whereon said James live since
 the first day of January One thousand eight hundred

John Fox

26 Decemr 1800

[Signature]

Bank of U.S.	\$100 -
do	20
do	20
do	10
do Bank of	3 100
N. America	
do of Baltimore	10
do	100
Total	\$320

County, containing 8 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$, the boundary line running from a corner maple in Joseph S. Fox's line (estate of Joseph Fox, Jr.), north, thence west, and so on, by various trees and "sapplins," skirting and including the low grounds of Maulden Swamp, and finally back to the point of beginning.—*King William Records*, III, pp. 242, 243.

This probably adjoined the original tract of 300 acres. A further addition to the plantation was the land which Joseph S. Fox, of King William and King and Queen, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed to JOHN FOX on September 26, 1796 (recorded on January 27, 1797)—a tract in the upper part of King William County, containing 400 acres. This tract was of the estate of JOHN's brother, Joseph Fox, Junior, and adjoined the land which JOHN had recently purchased from Berkeley. (See *King William Records*, III, p. 229.)

¹⁵Edmund Berkeley in 1783 paid taxes on 2,200 acres on the Mattaponi River in King William County, running to the Caroline County line.

In 1810 and later Carter P. Berkeley paid taxes on this same 2,200 acres, also on a tract of 1,431 acres in King William opposite "Walker Town" on the Mattaponi River.

JOHN FOX SELLS "RETREAT"

Evidently JOHN FOX had lived on the "Retreat" plantation for sometime previous to 1800, for on December 27 of that year he and Fanny, his wife, sold to his nephew, James Fox, "a certain part of the tract . . . of land whereon the said John Fox now lives," by survey 400 acres, in St. David's Parish, King William County, beginning at two "sweet gum saplins" on the west side of Herring Creek, running from a corner in Edmund Berkeley's line up the creek, including "the Island"—to the residue of said JOHN FOX's land—to include all the low grounds of the Maulden Swamp. The price¹⁶ thereof was "800 pounds current money of Virginia." William Jones, Joseph Hillyard, and Temple Elliott were witnesses.—*King William Records*, IV, p. 64.

¹⁶The original receipt for \$320, dated December 26, 1800, to James Fox, "in part payment for this purchase" ("Retreat"), written and signed by John Fox, is in the possession of a great-granddaughter.

In the indenture between JOHN FOX and Fanny his wife, and James Fox, made on December 27, 1800, by which "Retreat" passed to James Fox, JOHN FOX made a reservation of "thirty feet square around the graves in the apple orchard . . . for a burying ground." This affords further proof that John Fox had resided at "Retreat" for some years.—*King William Records*, IV, p. 64.

A NEW HOME

Though he had sold "Retreat," JOHN FOX continued to live there until 1807, when he moved to a new dwelling house which he had built half a mile distant, on a part of the same plantation. This house is still standing (1938) and, though it passed out of the possession of the family in 1822, it has been kept in excellent condition and its original appearance has been little altered. The house, built of heart pine, with wooden pegs and hand-wrought nails, is a ten-room, two-and-a-half story, frame and brick building, with dormer windows and three large chimneys. On a brick in the north chimney, about six feet from the ground, is this inscription: "J Fox 1807"; on another brick in the same chimney is "J F 1807." A driveway through a grassy lawn bordered by old cedars leads to the public road.

James Fox built the present "Retreat" house, a handsome brick dwelling, which has the imprint "J F 1808" in a brick near the top of the south chimney. The site of the first house, a few yards away, can still be distinguished.

OTHER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS OF JOHN FOX

JOHN FOX on January 26, 1795, purchased from Jane Garnett 118 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres in St. David's Parish, on the south side of Herring Creek, adjoining Sarah Campbell, Noell, Achilles Garnett, which land in September of the same year JOHN FOX and Fanny, his wife, sold to Benjamin Catlett for 150 pounds.—*King William Records*, III, pp. 89, 90, 158.

On September 28, 1801, JOHN FOX purchased of Jacob and Polly Burruss, of St. David's Parish, King William County, in consideration of 32 pounds current money, 33 acres adjoining his own property, down the hill to Herring Creek. The witnesses

were Harris Burruss, Joseph Fox, Thomas Nelson, and Temple Elliott.—*King William Records*, IV, pp. 90, 91.

There was conveyed to JOHN FOX on March 25, 1805, by John King and Polly, his wife, for the sum of 598 pounds, 313 acres, on Herring Creek, whereon the Kings had formerly lived, a part of which was sold by JOHN FOX to James Fox, bounded by the land of William Jones, by Dorrell Swamp, and by the estate of Achilles Garnett, deceased.—*King William Records*, V, p. 29.

Also in 1805, JOHN FOX bought of Henry and Mildred Fleet, for 850 pounds cash, 607 acres "begining at mouth of middle branch and runing up Herring Creek" to the mouth of Dorrell Swamp, et cetera, down Philip's spring branch to an ash near Dabney's Mill pond (Dublin Mill), and so on—part of the land whereon the Fleets then lived.—*King William Records*, IV, p. 329.

JOHN FOX and Fanny, his wife, sold in 1806 to William Samuel, for 150 pounds, 100 acres "whereon Samuel now lives, part in possession of John Fox."—*King William Records*, V, p. 56.

In the same year JOHN FOX sold to Lucy Leftwich for Thomas Redd, who had moved to Kentucky, a tract of 252 acres. The price paid for this was \$753. The tract was on Dorrell Swamp, was bounded by the estate of Turner Redd, deceased, extended to the corner of William West, and was in line with other land owned by Thomas Redd. In the deed Thomas Redd reserved "one acre for a burial ground for the family of Redds, or any branch thereof," who were to have "free liberty" of passage to it.—*King William Records*, V, pp. 55, 56.

JOHN FOX and Beverly Robinson in 1808 conveyed to James Buckner 200 acres in upper King William County, "whereon Francis West Quarles resided last year."—*King William Records*, V, p. 232.

By an indenture made in 1810, John Garnett sold to JOHN FOX, for the sum of \$140, a tract of 56 acres, which land had come into the possession of Garnett's wife, Lockey (Leftwich) Garnett (not yet of age), through the death of her two brothers and a sister.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 73.

On March 4, 1811, an indenture was made between William Ancarrow and Caty, his wife, and JOHN FOX, whereby Ancarrow, for \$150, sold to JOHN FOX the land and plantation on which the Ancarrows had formerly resided, 40 acres on the line between King William and Caroline Counties, bounded by the property of Johnson, Harris Burruss, Allen Thomas, and the said JOHN FOX. Joseph C. Fox was one of the witnesses.—*King William Records*, VI, pp. 17, 18.

On the sixteenth of the succeeding April, JOHN FOX purchased a road thirty feet in width, that he had been "desirous" to have, across a part of John Alexander's land, near the "head of Diana Dabney's * * * Pond," which road had been laid off and in use for several years. For this, JOHN FOX gave "fee simple title of and in" about 4 acres and sold to Alexander 3 acres—a part of the land purchased from Henry Fleet, "beginning at the mouth of Philip * * * branch emptying into the Dorrell swamp. . ." to a pine in William Samuel's line, "thence with said Samuel's line its several turns to the Dorrell Swamp," "with the reserve of thirty feet all along said Samuel's line for the purpose of the continuation of the road aforesaid."—*King William Records*, VI, p. 55.

This road was probably one leading to "Locust Hill." (See page 88.)

In 1811 JOHN FOX bought of Richard Gwathmey and Charlotte, his wife, 18 acres, a part of the land on which Gwathmey then lived—on Herring Creek, down FOX's line, by the land which he had bought of Thomas Garnett.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 506.

In January, 1814, JOHN FOX, for \$280, bought from William Leftwich and Martha, his wife, of Caroline County, all his land lying in King William County, 112 acres, inherited by the said Leftwich—adjoining Harris Burruss, Allen Thomas, and the tract "since sold by John Garnett to John Fox," etc. Witnesses to the transaction were Richard W. Fox, Joseph C. Fox, Thomas Fox, Judith T. Fox, Mildred S. Fox, William Jones, and Donald McNabb.—*King William Records*, VI, pp. 413, 414.

By an indenture made in May, 1814, between JOHN FOX of

King William County and Joseph Bohannon of Essex County and Charles Hill of Essex County, JOHN FOX bought 217 acres at public auction for \$1,410.50, payable to Joseph Bohannon, acting as executor of Basil Brown, deceased. JOHN FOX gave to Charles Hill a deed of trust for the property; James Fox went on the bond of JOHN FOX, due on January 1, 1815.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 368.

As Master Commissioner for King William County, CAPTAIN JOHN FOX settled many estates; and he was by request of friends executor of a number of wills.

In the will of Dr. William Marshall of Gloucester County, dated in 1796, "Drury Ragsdale, Thomas Fox and his brother, John Fox, all of King William County," are named executors.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XVII, p. 303.

JOHN FOX was an executor of the will of Drury Ragsdale, his brother-in-law, of King William County, which was written and signed February 2, 1804, and recorded in King William on April 23, 1804.—Hening and Mumford (4), *Virginia Reports*, XIV, p. 156; *William and Mary Quarterly*, XXVI, p. 262.

JOHN FOX was executor also, with James Fox, of the estate of Thomas Fox, whose will was recorded at King William Court on December 23, 1805—"my brother, John Fox, and son, James Fox, to be my executors."—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXXVIII, p. 74.

On February 7, 1804, JOHN FOX, SENIOR, James Fox, and Nathaniel Fox signed a deed of trust for John Fox, Junior.—*King William Records*, IV, p. 301.

In February, 1812, CAPTAIN JOHN FOX endorsed two notes for James Fox, amounting to \$3,090, in the purchase of 400 acres from the estate of Ralph Wormeley, "part of Manskin Lodge estate called queen field farm."—*King William Records*, VI, p. 155.

A survey and plat of this tract had been made by "Mr. John Fox" in 1808.

In 1801 JOHN FOX was appointed by the court of King William County to rebuild a bridge over upper Herring Creek and to keep

it in repair seven years. His remuneration was to be 17 pounds 16 shillings 6 pence. He gave bond for 50 £, George Waller going on his bond.—*King William Records*, IV, p. 81.

DEATH OF JOHN FOX

Formal notice of the death of CAPTAIN JOHN FOX was sent by Robert Pollard, clerk of King William County, to the Governor on January 7, 1815: "Sir—I deem it to be my duty, as Clerk of the Court, to communicate to you, for the information of the Executive, the death of John Fox, Esqr. on the 29th ult., who at the time, held the office of Sheriff of this County." (Original letter in the Archives Department of the Virginia State Library.)

An obituary of CAPTAIN FOX in the *Enquirer*, Richmond, Virginia, of date Saturday, January 7, 1815, testifies to the high esteem in which he was held:

"*Died*, on the 29th ult. at his seat in King William county, after an illness of less than twenty-four hours, *Captain John Fox*, in the 55th year of his age. He left behind him a widow and ten children, who will long sincerely and deeply lament his loss; his numerous friends and acquaintance will join in sympathetic condolence with them on this melancholy event.—In this circle he was very active and useful; he was esteemed and beloved by all who knew him; he was a friend to the poor, the widow and the orphan—and, to fill up the portrait, he was believed to be a christian; for the writer of this presumes not to know the heart; but if we are to judge by the scriptural rule—'by their fruits ye shall know them,' there are the best grounds for this belief.

"Go, then, Dear Fox, receive the reward of Heaven;
Thy sins were few, and those, I trust, forgiven.
But ah! what pen can paint thy widow's woe?
God only gives the balm, who struck the blow."

WILL RECORDED

A Land Office *Treasury Warrant* (*Patent Book* LXVI, p. 256) states that "the last will and testament of John Fox, bearing date 8th day April, 1813," was "duly proven and admitted to record in County Court of King William on 28 of March, 1815." A copy of the will is not known to exist; it was doubtless destroyed.

in the burning of the County Clerk's Office some years later. JOHN's son, Thomas H. Fox, and nephew, James Fox, were named the executors. The only individual bequest on record was to Joseph Fox (husband of Elizabeth Darrell Fox). He received "107 acres by will from the estate of John Fox."—*King William Tax Receipts* for 1815.

In 1813, the year preceding the death of CAPTAIN JOHN FOX, his personal tax was paid on 1 white male; 18 slaves over 16 years, 3 over 12 and under 16 years; 9 horses, mules; 5 cattle; 2 "gigs"—£ 200.

CAPTAIN JOHN FOX in 1814, the year of his death, paid taxes on 1,457 acres, this in three tracts on Herring Creek and Dorrell Swamp, adjoining Jacob Burruss and Richard Gwathmey. The next year "John Fox Est., Fannie, relict, widow," is taxed on the same number of acres.

Fanny Fox, widow of CAPTAIN JOHN FOX, and their seven children are named as "legatees" of his estate in a number of legal documents and also in the *Diary* of her eldest son, Thomas H. Fox.

In 1815, Frances Fox, Thomas H. Fox, and Joseph C. Fox conveyed by deed to James Gwathmey, 500 acres in King William County, which JOHN FOX, deceased, had given to said Gwathmey in exchange for a tract of land, 204 acres, in Henrico County. This 500 acres was part of the land which John Fox had purchased of Henry Fleet.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 475.

In 1815, in the settlement of an indenture between Judith Pugh of King William County and the estate of JOHN FOX, for 204 acres, "Frances Fox" and her seven children are named.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 476.

"CASH SALE OF NEGROES—On Thursday, 11th of January inst. will be sold for cash at King William Mills, in King William county, two miles from Hanover Town, and about same distance from Manskin Lodge—ten to twelve likely young negroes, consisting chiefly of men and boys, belonging to estate of Capt. John Fox, dec.—James Fox, Thomas Fox, adm."—Advertisement in *Richmond Enquirer* of Tuesday, January 2, 1816.

On May 28, 1816, a deed was recorded by which "Fanny Fox, widow of John Fox, dec'd, and Thomas H. Fox, Judith T. Fox,

Richard W. Fox, Mary C. Fox, Mildred S. Drewry, who was Mildred S. Fox, Frances W. Fox, and Charles J. Fox, heirs of John Fox, dec'd," released a certain piece of land situated in King William County, St. David's Parish, containing 217 acres, being the land conveyed by JOHN FOX, deceased, to Charles Hill, "in trust by his deed" dated May 24, 1814.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 492.

In June, 1816, Thomas H. Fox and James Fox, executors of the estate of JOHN FOX, sold to James Cocke, for \$3,045, a tract¹⁷ of 347 acres 1 rod 23 poles, in the upper part of King William County, a part of the estate of CAPTAIN JOHN FOX, deceased. The witnesses to the indenture were Jeremiah Fox, William Jones, and Richard W. Fox. There is a survey of the plat made by John Lumpkin in the *King William Records*, VII (1), pp. 8, 9.

¹⁷Here James Cocke and Elizabeth (Fox) Cocke established their home, which they named "Edgehill." The Cocke burial ground is not far distant from the house, which is still standing and in fair condition (1938).

In a release deed (1816) given by Dabney Turner, Sr., Dabney Turner, Jr., and George Turner, for JOHN FOX, the seven children of JOHN and Fanny are named, "heirs of John Fox, who has departed this life."—*King William Records*, VII (1), p. 4.

There is in the Land Office of Virginia a copy of a *Treasury Warrant* dated 1816, to Fanny Fox, widow, and her seven children (named), legatees of JOHN FOX, deceased, for 156 acres 2 rods in King William County, on the west side of the road to the Court House, bounded by Webber's Swamp and the lands of Burk and John Elliott, to the "Rolling Road," issued under James P. Preston, Esq.,¹⁸ Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.—*Land Patent Book LXVI*, p. 256.

¹⁸James P. Preston was Governor of Virginia 1816-19.

On February 10, 1817, for the sum of \$363, James and Elizabeth Cocke sold to James Fox, 60½ acres, a part of the land on which the Cockes lived—in line with the land of "Capt. John Fox, decd."—*King William Records*, VII (1), p. 214.

Harris Burruss in March, 1817, bought of the administrators of the estate of JOHN FOX, for \$339.20, a tract of 64 acres in the upper end of King William County and in Caroline County, adjoining James Fox's late purchase and Reubin Johnson's, to Burruss's old tract and Allen Thomas.—*King William Records*, VII (1), p. 72.

April, 1817—The administrators of CAPTAIN JOHN FOX sold to Thomas and Ambrose Edwards 79 acres of land for \$461.10. This land was a part of the grant of 156 acres made on December 30, 1816, by Virginia Treasury Warrant to the widow of JOHN FOX and to her children. (See *ante* page 62.)—*King William Records*, VII (1), p. 106.

In the same year (1817) there was sold by the executors of the estate of JOHN FOX to George R. Cocke, 100 acres, running from a sign post in the fork of the road near John Bradberry's, along the road thence to Herring Creek, corner of the residue to JOHN FOX's estate, James Cocke's line, along the road from Dublin to Mangohick Church.¹⁹ The price paid was \$825.—*King William Records*, VII (1), p. 73.

¹⁹Meade, in his *Old Virginia Churches, Ministers, and Families* (I, 381), mentions Mangohick Church as one of the four Colonial churches in King William County. William Byrd (*Land of Eden*, p. 363), in describing his return on October 7, 1732, from his mines near Fredericksburg, says, "We crossed the Mattaponi . . . and slanted down to King William County road. We kept along for about 12 miles, as far as the new brick church."

In September, 1820, an indenture was made between Thomas H. Fox, acting administrator of JOHN FOX, deceased, Judith T., Richard W., Mary C., Martin Drewry and Mildred his wife, Thomas Leftwich and Frances W., his wife, Charles J. Fox., legatees of JOHN FOX, of one part, and Jacob Burruss of the other part, by which Burruss, in consideration of \$450, purchased 27 acres, a part of the Floyds'²⁰ tract, running from a pine tree on the side of the road leading to Mangohick Church, by the land purchased by Burruss of Richeson Cocke, to a point in James Cocke's line, down the said line to "Herring Creek Ditch," up the Ditch to Herring Creek Bridge, thence to the Mangohick road.

This was signed by all the children of JOHN FOX and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox except Charles James Fox.—*King William Records*, VIII, p. 222.

²⁰"Floyds' " (later changed to "Roseville") was the name of the tract on which John Fox built his home in 1807. There he lived until his death, and there his widow, Fanny, remained until 1822, when she moved to Richmond, where she died the following year.

In the report of the Historic American Buildings Survey (1937) filed in the Library of Congress, Washington, "Roseville" and "Retreat" are listed as "old Fox homes."

FLOYDS' FOR SALE

"By virtue of the last will and testament of John Fox, dec. and by consent of the legatees—will be sold at public auction on the premises, on Saturday, the 21st of April (if fair, otherwise the succeeding Monday,) this very desirable FARM in King William county, on Herring creek, containing between three and four hundred acres of land—about eighty acres of which are low-grounds of very superior quality—the high land is in good farming order and in a state of rapid improvement. The improvements are extensive and convenient * * *—and without entering into a detail of the advantages, it may with truth be said, that few farms combine so many as the one now offered for sale.

"A very small portion of the purchase money will be required in cash, the balance in instalments.

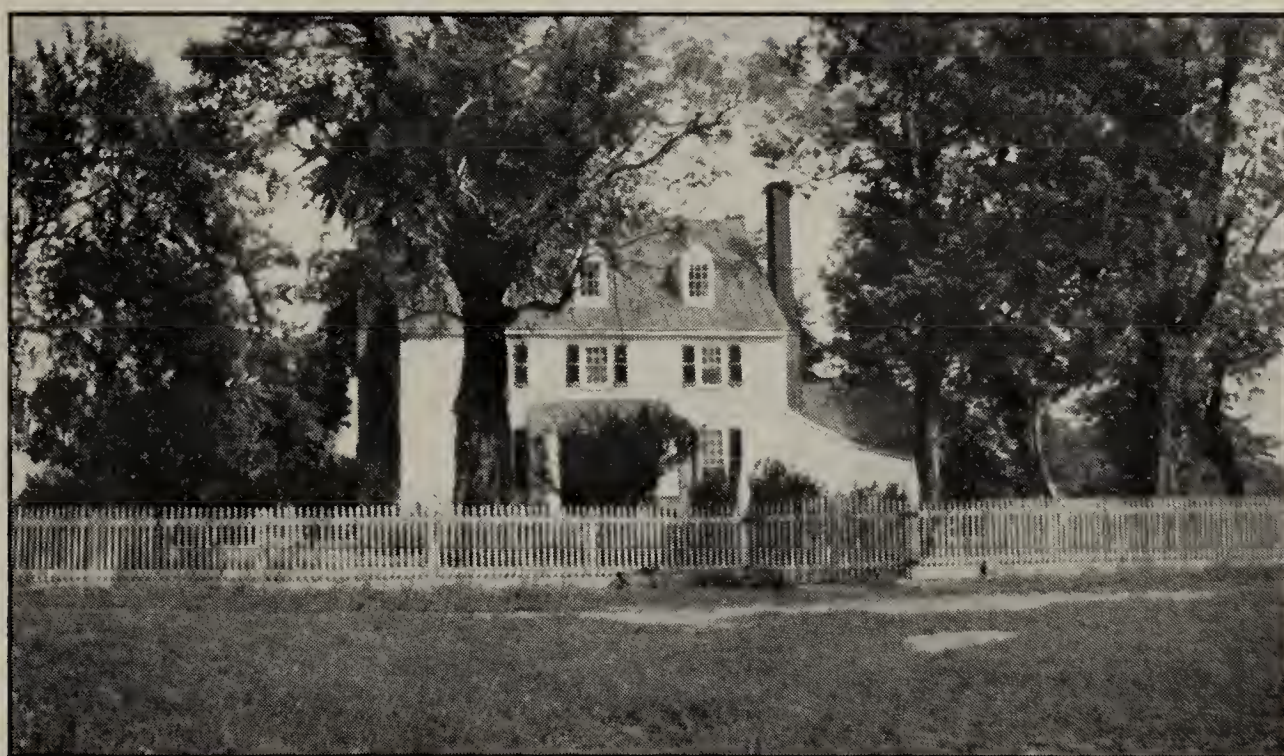
"Thos. H. Fox, Acting Administrator,

"With the will annexed of J. Fox dec.

"N. B. All persons having claims against the estate, will present them on or before the date of the sale, as this notice will be plead in bar against the payment of any presented afterward—March 30."—*Richmond Enquirer* for April 13, 1821.

HOME PASSES FROM THE FAMILY

By an indenture made on January 6, 1822, the administrators of the estate of JOHN FOX conveyed to William S. Ryland (died January 15, 1861) of King and Queen County, in consideration of \$3,375 in hand paid by William S. Ryland, a certain parcel of



HOME BUILT BY JOHN FOX IN 1807, NOW KNOWN AS "ROSEVILLE"

land lying in King William County, on Herring Creek, by the name of "Floyds'," containing 337½ acres, beginning at Herring Creek, extending down the creek to James Cocke's line at the mouth of a small branch, up the said branch to a pine tree corner to James Fox and Harris Burruss, thence to the main road, then along the road to the beginning at the bridge. Witnesses: Joel Beadles, James Beadles, Mary Beadles.

The land conveyed by this Deed was purchased by Josiah Ryland of King and Queen County, of the administrators of the estate of JOHN FOX, deceased, and "by his direction conveyed to me [William S. Ryland], which is considered as my full proportion of his Estate. Given under my hand . . . this twenty-sixth of January 1822."

Josiah Ryland paid \$2,375 in cash and gave his note for \$1,000, due July 1, 1822. This deed was admitted to record in King William County, March 25, 1822. "Teste, Robert Pollard, C.C." —*King William Records*, VIII, pp. 394, 395.

ELIZABETH DARRELL (FOX) FOX

ELIZABETH DARRELL FOX (*circa* 1785-*circa* 1837) was the only daughter of Captain John Fox and his first wife, Judith (Turner) Fox (*Diary* of Thomas H. Fox). She married Joseph Fox (1785-1837), son of her uncle Thomas Fox and his wife Leah (Lipscomb) Fox.

Joseph Fox¹ paid taxes in 1815 in St. David's Parish, King William County, on 155 acres of land on Herring Creek, adjoining Dabney; "107 acres of this from the estate of [Captain] John Fox, by will," and 48 acres by deed from Richard Gwathmey.

¹Joseph Fox (Elizabeth Darrell Fox) was left in the will of his father, besides an equal share in the estate with the other children, "one negro boy named Obediah and one feather bed and furniture."

ELIZABETH DARRELL FOX and her husband Joseph Fox² made their home with her brother, Joseph C. Fox, at "Locust Hill," above the pond of Dublin Mills, King William County. On his death, Joseph C. Fox left "Locust Hill," his plantation of 469 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres on Dorrell Creek, adjoining Rhoda Samuel's, in trust to his sister ELIZABETH DARRELL FOX and her husband. William S. Ryland and James Cocke were the trustees.—*King William Tax Receipts*, 1832.

²Joseph Fox was an overseer of the poor on November 15, 1811, when the overseers of King William County purchased from Simon Guthrow and Elizabeth Quarles, his wife, "for a consideration and \$960," money from the sale of the Glebe lands in King William County, a tract of land to be used for the poor.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 141.

The obituary of Joseph Fox, husband of ELIZABETH DARRELL FOX, may be seen in the *Religious Herald* of date June 16, 1837: "Died—On Wednesday, the 22nd ult. by a stroke of lightning, Joseph Fox of King William County in the 52 year of his age. Mr. Fox who had long been a professor of religion was a member of Beulah Church generally found in his place at the meeting, and ready to take his part in the exercises of religious duty; an assistant in the Sunday School, whose services will be missed—and a

friendly and well disposed member of society. He was on his way from King William Court, and stopped under a tree on the road side to take shelter from a small shower of rain, was taken off by the visitation of God as above mentioned; his horse being also killed.—Be ye also ready, for at such a hour as ye think not the son of man cometh.”

ELIZABETH DARRELL FOX and Joseph Fox are buried at “Retreat.” Their children were:

1. Judith Frances Fox (*circa* 1806-*circa* 1838), of whom hereafter.

2. Sarah A. Fox (died 1896), of whom hereafter.

3. John Newton Fox (May 2, 1811-July 12, 1883), of whom hereafter.

4. Joseph Hervey Fox (1816-1901), of whom hereafter.

5. Thomas Pierce Fox (*circa* 1818-1855), who was a minister in the Baptist Church and a teacher. He married a Miss Cauthorne of Essex County. “Thomas P. Fox, deceased,” is mentioned in a record of litigation in the Supreme Court of Virginia for 1858. He left no children. Richard A. Fox was executor of his estate. Thomas Pierce Fox is buried at “Retreat.”

6. Mary Elizabeth Fox (born 1822) did not marry. She spent her last years with her brother, John Newton Fox, in Culpeper County, and is buried in the Fox graveyard near Culpeper. She received a bequest of \$687.38 from her uncle James Fox. John Cocke went on her bond. This bond was signed before James G. White, Justice of the Peace, on May 3, 1867, as were the bonds of the other heirs.—*King William Records*, XVI (2), p. 393.

7. Richard Andrew Fox (1824-1901), of whom hereafter.

JUDITH FRANCES (FOX) MOORE

JUDITH FRANCES FOX (*circa* 1806-*circa* 1838), daughter of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox, married Temple Carter Moore (born 1804).¹ They lived at “Endfield,” in King William County, across the Mattaponi River from Walkerton. JUDITH FRANCES (FOX) MOORE and her husband Temple Carter Moore are buried at “Retreat.” They had issue:

1. Joseph Boardman Moore (September 21, 1834-buried March 5, 1919), of whom hereafter.

2. John Temple Moore (died 1857), did not marry; he is buried at "Retreat." "John T. Moore, dec.," was represented by William M. Turner, "sheriff and administrator," in litigation in the Supreme Court of Appeals, Richmond, Virginia, in November, 1858.

¹In the *Census* of King William County for 1850 there is listed: "Temple C. Moore, age 46, manager for Berkeley." Edmund Berkeley owned several plantations in King William County. In 1782 he paid taxes on 2,200 acres in that county.

Temple C. Moore was executor for the estate of his father-in-law, Joseph Fox.

JOSEPH BOARDMAN MOORE

JOSEPH BOARDMAN MOORE (September 21, 1834-buried March 5, 1919),² son of Judith Frances (Fox) Moore and Temple Carter Moore, married³ on Thursday, October 10, 1861, Victoria A. Wright (August 22, 1842-November 11, 1911), daughter of Dr. Wesley Wright and Mary Ann (Green) Wright of Caroline County. Joseph Boardman Moore was graduated from Richmond College and the University of Virginia, and held the degree of M. D. from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a captain and surgeon in the Confederate Army, and a successful practicing physician in King William County for fifty years. He and his wife are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, his wife's remains having been moved from Aylett, Virginia.

²The *Census* of King William County for 1850 gives the age of Joseph B. Moore as 16.

³Dr. Joseph B. Moore was married at nine o'clock on the evening of Thursday, October 10. He was "delayed because of professional duties."

Joseph Boardman Moore and Victoria A. (Wright) Moore had issue:

1. Frank Moore (August 26, 1862-November 9, 1881). He is buried at "Retreat."

2. Mary Virginia Moore (July 3, 1864-December 11, 1899),

who married on November 28, 1888, William Thomas Williams (died 1934, aged 77 years), a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, having been moved from Chester in 1931. Issue:

(1) Robert Moore Williams, married on March 5, 1918, Virginia Bruce Darden, daughter of Albert George Darden and Annie Jackson (Ames) Darden of Sussex County; issue:

a. Robert Hinton Williams.

(2) Thomas Chambliss Williams, who married in 1930, Celeste Bennett, daughter of Joseph D. Bennett and Sarah Gardner (McClenny) Bennett of Suffolk. Issue:

a. Thomas Chambliss Williams, Jr.

b. Barbara Ann Williams.

3. Elizabeth Temple Moore (December 28, 1866-May 31, 1893), married on June 12, 1889, Joseph S. Heaton. She is buried in Hollywood Cemetery. Issue:

(1) Joseph Marstellar Heaton, died in infancy.

4. Irene Moore (April 3, 1870-September, 1900), who married on October 10, 1895, James William Singleton (died March 15, 1935); issue:

(1) Mary Elizabeth Singleton.

5. Victoria Wright Moore, who married on May 5, 1896, Joseph S. Heaton (1858-buried November 21, 1899); issue:

(1) Joseph Lewis Heaton (August 16, 1897-January 27, 1919), who did not marry. Joseph S. Heaton and Joseph Lewis Heaton are buried in Hollywood.

6. Gertrude Anna Moore (April 1, 1874-September 8, 1885), is buried at "Retreat."

7. Idae Ruth Moore, who married on June 30, 1909, Beverly Temple Taylor, son of John Richard Taylor (May 28, 1855-March 7, 1888) and Martha (Bird) Taylor (October 9, 1857-April 13, 1935) of King and Queen County. Issue:

(1) Victoria Ann Taylor, who married on June 7, 1935,

Bartlett Roper III, son of Paul Roper and Jessie (Edwards) Roper of North Carolina. Issue:

- a. Bartlett Roper IV
 - b. Anne Beverly Roper
- } twins.
- (2) Judith Beverly Taylor.
 - (3) John Richard Taylor.

8. George Moore (March 31, 1883-December 24, 1884), is buried at "Retreat."

SARAH (FOX) CORDER

SARAH A. FOX (died 1896), daughter of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox of King William County, married John T. Corder of Flint Hill, Rappahannock County. SARAH (FOX) CORDER¹ and John T. Corder are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper, Virginia. Issue:

1. Thomas Pierce Corder, married on June 16, 1885, Mary Catherine Yates (1855-1930), daughter of Henry Yates and Jane Elizabeth (Monroe) Yates. Issue:

(1) Elizabeth Corder, married on January 14, 1914, Marvin B. Bradford of Flint Hill, son of Baldwin Helenus Bradford and Anna Maria (Dearing) Bradford. Issue:

- a. Catherine Anne Bradford.
- b. Marvin Russell Bradford.

2. Fannie Corder, died young. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper.

¹Sarah A. Corder received of Charles L. Cocke \$687.38, a bequest from her uncle James Fox. Joseph B. Moore went on her refunding bond on May 3, 1867.—*King William Records*, XVI (2), p. 395.

THE REVEREND JOHN NEWTON FOX

JOHN NEWTON FOX (May 2, 1811-July 12, 1883), son of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox (son of Thomas Fox and Leah Lipscomb Fox), was born in King William County and educated at Richmond College. He taught school for a number of

years in Rappahannock and Culpeper Counties; was pastor of four churches in the Shiloh Baptist Association, and clerk of the Association for thirty years; he was also a missionary in the Blue Ridge Mountains. "He went about doing good." He married on September 15, 1836, Elizabeth Garnett Smith,¹ niece of Mrs. Cumberland George. JOHN NEWTON FOX and Elizabeth Garnett (Smith) Fox are buried in the Fox burial ground near Culpeper. Issue:

1. Newton Smith Fox, died on June 27, 1838, at Culpeper, aged 11 months, 15 days.²

²From an obituary in the *Religious Herald* for July 20, 1838.

2. Alice George Fox (1841-1918), did not marry. She is buried in the Fox burial ground near Culpeper.

3. Emma Smith Fox (1843-1926), of whom hereafter.

4. Henry Clay Fox (1848-1865), was killed while on picket duty during the War Between the States.

5. Walker Lyle Fox (February 25, 1849-July 16, 1915), of whom hereafter.

6. Richard Atwell Fox (January 21, 1851-July 16, 1935), was born at Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was graduated from Baltimore Dental College; located in Paris, Tennessee, in 1875, and there spent the remainder of his life. He married on December 20, 1883, Mrs. Elizabeth Anne (Blanton) Meade (August 11, 1857-April 27, 1914) of Tennessee. Issue:

(1) Susan E. Fox, who is a photographer in Paris, Tennessee.

7. Joseph M. Fox (1854-1871), did not marry. He is buried in the Fox burying ground near Culpeper.

8. Sallie Telula Fox (born February 9, 1856), of whom hereafter.

¹On December 25, 1837, John N. Fox and Elizabeth G. Fox, his wife, of Culpeper County, conveyed to Temple C. Moore of King William County, 470 acres in the latter county, adjoining the lands of Gwathmey, William S. Ryland and Thomas Dabney at Dublin Mills. William Major, Jr., William Foushee, were Justices of Culpeper County.—*King William Records*, X, p. 18.

EMMA SMITH (FOX) CARTER

EMMA SMITH FOX (1843-1926), daughter of John Newton Fox and Elizabeth Garnett (Smith) Fox, was born at Woodville, Rappahannock County. She married on June 4, 1865, James Boswell Carter (January 13, 1844-August 19, 1900), of Culpeper, who was born in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Emma Smith (Fox) Carter and James Boswell Carter are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper. They had issue:

1. Emma J. Carter, died at the age of 20 years.

2. Elizabeth Atwell Carter, who married on April 25, 1900, Alexander Hamilton Spilman, Jr., son of Alexander Hamilton Spilman (November 22, 1806-April 17, 1875) of Fauquier County, and his second wife, Mary Russell (Brown) Spilman (died 1915) of Culpeper; issue:

(1) Ethelyn B. Spilman (April 16, 1901-April 22, 1907).

(2) Virginia Rayburn Spilman (December 4, 1902-February 27, 1931), who married on December 24, 1930, Hugo Rydell of Texas. She is buried in Taylor, Texas.

(3) Elizabeth Hamilton Spilman, married on August 20, 1938, Wyche Cato Powell, son of William Benjamin Powell and Lucy Johnson (Mason) Powell.

(4) Alexander Hildreth Spilman, who married on June 5, 1933, Frances Quaintance, daughter of Henry Quaintance and Jessie (Coats) Quaintance of Culpeper. Issue:

a. Betty Ray Spilman.

b. Barbara Lee Spilman.

3. Frances Thomas Carter, who married on June 5, 1901, Cornelius Taylor Gibson, son of Robert Gibson and Ann (Taylor) Gibson of Loudoun County; issue:

(1) Carter Taylor Gibson, married, *first*, on June 26, 1923, Mary Ellen Snyder, daughter of William Snyder and Mary (Baer) Snyder of Washington. No issue.

Carter Taylor Gibson married, *second*, on April 28, 1936, Anne Agnes Heath, daughter of Charles G. Heath and Ida M. (Redding) Heath.

(2) Robert Leslie Gibson, who married on May 26, 1934, Margaret Anne Stone, daughter of Charles Waterman Stone and Anna (Westinghouse) Stone of Schenectady, New York. Issue:

a. Charles Taylor Gibson.

(3) Cornelia Gray Gibson, who married on December 21, 1935, Herbert Bruce Cowden, son of Peter Carter Cowden and Rose (Poling) Cowden.

4. Jennie Lee Carter, who married on June 5, 1901, John Fieldon Bolen (1871-1930), son of Newton L. Bolen and Lucy (Grant) Bolen. Jennie Lee Carter and her sister, Frances Thomas Carter, had a double wedding. Issue of Jennie Lee (Carter) Bolen and John Fieldon Bolen:

(1) Margaret Leslie Bolen, who married on June 30, 1926, John W. Bredehoft, of New York, son of John Henry Bredehoft and Augusta Louise (Meister) Bredehoft. Issue:

a. Marjorie Lee Bredehoft.

5. James Barrett Carter, a lawyer in Washington, D. C., who married on October 18, 1910, Mabel Adelaide Walker of Washington, daughter of William Tobias Walker (1832-1910) and Adelaide Reese (Harris) Walker (1839-1904).

WALKER LYLE FOX

WALKER LYLE FOX (February 25, 1849-July 16, 1915), son of John Newton Fox and Elizabeth Garnett (Smith) Fox, was born at Woodville in Rappahannock County. He married, *first*, in the fall of 1873, Eugenia Apperson of Culpeper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Apperson. Issue:

1. Henry Lyle Fox (twin), who married, *first*, Annie Enos (died May 14, 1905), daughter of George Enos and Elizabeth (Fletcher) Enos; issue:

(1) Mary Ethel Fox, lives in Washington, D. C.

Henry Lyle Fox married, *second*, on December 27, 1916, Margaret (Disharoon) Bailey. No issue. They live in Philadelphia.

2. Lynn Fox, twin of Henry Lyle Fox, died in infancy.

3. Richard Ernest Fox, who married on December 21, 1898, Sadie Christine Evans, daughter of William R. Evans and Sarah Jane (Carter) Evans. Issue:

(1) Luther Evans Fox (1900), died in infancy.

(2) Lucille Evans Fox, married on June 11, 1924, Charles Emmett Smith, son of Harry Smith and Eva Frances (Kennedy) Smith; issue:

a. Frances Ruth Smith.

4. Mabel Alice Fox, married on December 20, 1898, William Barnes Jackson, son of James Jackson and Eddie (Kelley) Jackson of New Jersey. Issue:

(1) Jerome Henry Jackson, married on November 3, 1938, Ada Hundley Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lee Garrett of Essex County, Virginia.

5. Rosalie Eugenia Fox, who married on December 20, 1905, John Veale Russell, son of William Merit Russell and Emily Sarah (Veale) Russell. They live in California. Issue:

(1) Alice Eugenia Russell, who married on May 30, 1932, Benjamin Paul Gruendyke, son of Benjamin Calvin Gruendyke and Helen A. (Johnson) Gruendyke. Issue:

a. John Russell Crittendon Gruendyke.

(2) Florence Emma Russell.

(3) Mabel Rodman Russell.

WALKER LYLE FOX (1849-1915) married, *second*, in October, 1887, Sue Ryland Fox (July 30, 1858-May 8, 1935), daughter of his uncle Richard Andrew Fox and his aunt Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox. (See "Sue Ryland Fox" in Richard Andrew Fox line.) Walker Lyle Fox is buried in the family burying ground at Deltaville, Virginia. "He served well his day and generation, and died in the full assurance of faith." Issue of WALKER LYLE FOX and Sue Ryland (Fox) Fox:

6. Winfree Fox, died at the age of fifteen years.

7. Roscoe Garnett Fox, married on December 27, 1916, Linda Kathleen Dunn, daughter of Granville Jackson Dunn of Essex

County and Genevieve (Glenn) Dunn of King and Queen County.
Issue:

- (1) Walker Journeay Fox.
- (2) William Ryland Fox.
- (3) Granville Garnett Fox.
- (4) Marjory Kathleen Fox.
- (5) Elizabeth Ernestine Fox.

SALLIE TELULA (FOX) APPERSON

SALLIE TELULA FOX (born February 9, 1856), daughter of John Newton Fox and Elizabeth Garnett (Smith) Fox, was born at Flint Hill, Rappahannock County; she married on February 21, 1879, George T. Apperson (died in 1901) of Culpeper. She and her children live at Rosslyn, Virginia. Issue:

1. Mary Virginia Apperson, who married on February 8, 1910, John William Bean, son of John A. Bean and Margret Ann (Hatton) Bean; issue:

(1) George Alexander Bean (1911).

(2) Eleanor Virginia Bean, who married on April 21, 1930, Arthur Franklin Gray, son of Charles Franklin Gray and Ida Emmit (Wilkerson) Gray. Issue:

a. John Franklin Gray.

b. Norma Irene Gray.

(3) William Wirt Bean (1914-1915).

(4) Telula Ellen Bean, married on April 23, 1938, Joseph Adelbert Baker, son of Herbert James Baker, Jr., and Grace V. (Hottle) Baker.

2. Henry Newton Apperson, who married, on October 27, 1909, Bessie Kersey (died January 30, 1935), daughter of William Wakefield Kersey and Rixie (Morehead) Kersey; issue:

(1) Viola Harvey Apperson, who married on July 5, 1928, Lawrence Harvey Spilman, son of Mark Lyon Spilman and Lela Fern (Martindale) Spilman; issue:

a. Lawrence Harvey Spilman.

b. William Louis Spilman.

c. Newton Lyon Spilman.

d. Martin Kersey Spilman.

(2) George William Apperson.

(3) Fannie Venette Apperson (1921-1930).

3. Katherine Garnett Apperson, married on June 25, 1913, Randolph Dewey, son of Alton John Dewey and Sarah Frances (Miller) Dewey; issue:

(1) Alton Thomas Dewey.

(2) Arthur Garnett Dewey (1917-1930).

(3) Henry Apperson Dewey.

(4) Katherine Elizabeth Dewey.

(5) Esther Virginia Dewey.

(6) Elsie May Dewey.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH HERVEY FOX

JOSEPH HERVEY FOX (October 16, 1816-November 27, 1901), son of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox, was graduated from Richmond College and Columbian College (now Washington University). The subject of his graduation essay at the last-named institution was "Peace," and President Van Buren was in the audience when he read it. JOSEPH HERVEY FOX later spent two years at Newton Theological Seminary. He was ordained a minister in the Baptist Church and was in active service nearly sixty-five years. Dr. A. E. Dickinson, prominent Baptist minister and editor, was converted through a sermon preached by him, and was influenced by him to prepare for the ministry. On June 3, 1837, JOSEPH (HERVEY) FOX was a delegate from Beulah Church, King William County, to the General Association meeting in the First Baptist Church, Richmond. (*Religious Herald*.) He was a devout Christian, modest and retiring.

On October 23, 1837, JOSEPH H(ERVEY) FOX sold to Temple C. Moore, for \$300, all rights to lands received from his uncle, Joseph C. Fox, deceased, 470 acres, lying on Herring Creek, bounded by Wm. Gwathmey, Thomas Dabney and Wm. S. Ryland's Dublin Mill tract, and others, whether received "by descent from the s^d Joseph * * *, his mother, Elizabeth D[arrell] Fox, or by will or wills of the said Joseph C. Fox, and also his * * * that he may be entitled to from a Deed from James Fox,

his uncle, and Mary, his wife.”—*King William Records*, IX, p. 489.

County records show that the other children of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox likewise shared in these estates.

JOSEPH HERVEY FOX married twice. His first wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly, a widow. They had no children, but took an orphaned infant, Nannie McGrath,¹ to rear.

¹Nannie McGrath (January 19, 1850-November 12, 1932) was three years old when she went to live with Joseph H. Fox and his wife. She enjoyed the same advantages as Joseph's own children. She married W. C. Lacy (deceased). They are survived by several children.

JOSEPH HERVEY married, *second*,² on August 20, 1861, Susan Fleet Ryland (January 19, 1835-December 23, 1919), daughter of William Semple Ryland and Susan (Fleet) Ryland, of King William County, Virginia. JOSEPH HERVEY FOX lived in Scottsville for many years, and there he and his wife, Susan Fleet (Ryland) Fox, are buried. They had the following children:

1. Katherine Ryland Fox (August 26, 1862-July 12, 1886).
2. Nellie Grace Fox, of whom hereafter.
3. Florence Lee Fox.
4. Dora Edna Fox, of whom hereafter.
5. Joseph Hervey Fox, who married on February 7, 1906, Alice Smith. They live in New York State, and have no children.
6. William Ryland Fox, of whom hereafter.
7. Sue Browne Fox.
8. Roberta Semple Fox, of whom hereafter.

²Joseph Hervey Fox and Susan F. Ryland were married at "Roseville," the home of her parents, at 9:30, the morning of Tuesday, August 20, by the Reverend Mr. Turpin.

NELLIE GRACE (FOX) WOODSON

NELLIE GRACE FOX, daughter of the Reverend Joseph Hervey Fox and Susan Fleet (Ryland) Fox, married on October 13, 1886, Thomas Robert Woodson (March 13, 1862-September, 1921), son of John William Woodson and Sallie Elizabeth (Duke) Woodson of Charlottesville, Virginia. Issue:

1. Peachey Woodson (January 21, 1891-October 29, 1927), married on January 21, 1913, Lewis Perkins Gayden, son of Dr. G. Gayden and Kate Ann (Perkins) Gayden of Norwood, Louisiana. Issue:

(1) Lewis Ryland Gayden.

2. Joseph Hervey Woodson, who married, *first*, Ida Rowe O'Dell (died January 15, 1922), daughter of Robert Abraham O'Dell and Lou Vica (Netherton) O'Dell. They had issue:

(1) Robert Abraham Woodson.

(2) Ryland Duke Woodson.

(3) Elizabeth Woodson, who married on February 25, 1938, Nicholas Mills Sutton, Jr., son of Nicholas Mills Sutton and Tellie Elizabeth (Blankinship) Sutton of Manteo, Virginia.

Joseph Hervey Woodson married, *second*, on March 12, 1926, Eunice Owens (died 1929). They had issue:

(4) Charles Woodson.

(5) Cyril Woodson.

3. Ryland Duke Woodson, who married on June 28, 1916, Marguerite Helen Dobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobson of Athens, Tennessee. Issue:

(1) Thomas Stewart Woodson.

(2) William Duke Woodson.

(3) Martha Anne Woodson.

4. Elizabeth Fleet Woodson, married on July 2, 1918, Dr. Joseph Speight (died July 29, 1932), son of Dr. Richard Hamilton Speight and Margaret Ann (Powell) Speight of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Issue:

(1) Nellie Woodson Speight.

(2) Elizabeth Virginia Speight.

(3) Joseph Powell Speight.

DORA EDNA (FOX) LYNCH

DORA EDNA FOX, daughter of Joseph Hervey Fox and Susan Fleet (Ryland) Fox, married on January 19, 1888, John Thomas

Lynch (November 25, 1858-September 1, 1890), son of Thomas Lynch and Lucy (Green) Lynch of Maine. John Thomas Lynch was a minister in the Baptist Church. They had the following children:

1. Katherine Ryland Lynch, who married on August 2, 1912, James Lewis Sherwood (October 13, 1888-February 2, 1934), son of James Lewis Sherwood and Rose (Lord) Sherwood of Washington, D. C. Issue:

(1) James Lewis Sherwood.

(2) Virginia Sherwood.

2. John Thomas Lynch, who married on June 19, 1937, Ellen Kaye of Louisville, Kentucky. They have one child:

(1) John Thomas Lynch.

WILLIAM RYLAND FOX

WILLIAM RYLAND FOX of Scottsville, Virginia, son of Joseph Hervey Fox and Susan Fleet (Ryland) Fox, married on June 26, 1918, Hazel Smith, daughter of George Smith and Mary Beach (Johnson) Smith. Issue:

1. Joseph Hervey Fox.

2. Mary Johnson Fox.

3. George Ryland Fox.

4. Helen Smith Fox.

5. Susan Ryland Fox.

6. John Harris Fox.

ROBERTA SEMPLE (FOX) SMITH

ROBERTA SEMPLE FOX, daughter of Joseph Hervey Fox and Susan Fleet (Ryland) Fox, married on September 23, 1910, Charles Glenn Smith, son of Simeon Smith and Eunice (Tignor) Smith of Talbotton, Georgia. Issue:

1. Fred Glenn Smith, married on June 27, 1937, Ruth Hull.

2. Susan Pauline Smith.

THE REVEREND RICHARD ANDREW FOX

RICHARD ANDREW FOX (June 1, 1824-October 23, 1901), son of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox, married on January 6, 1848, Margaret Anne Smith (August 13, 1825-November 16, 1893), sister of Elizabeth G. Smith, whom his brother John Newton Fox had married. RICHARD ANDREW FOX was graduated from Richmond College. On August 5, 1854, he was licensed to preach by Beulah Baptist Church in King William County, and on December 30, 1855, was called to ordination by the same church, Elders John O. Turpin and J. R. Garlick forming the presbytery. He was pastor of Beulah and Mount Horeb Churches until after the War Between the States, in which he served. His home in King William was called "Woodlawn." He played the violin, was a sweet singer, and conducted singing schools in many churches.

In 1840 Joseph H(ervey) Fox, as guardian of RICHARD A. Fox, sold to Lawrence Trant, 470 acres in King William County. Payment was acknowledged by Joseph H. Fox and John N. Fox.—*King William Records*, XIV, p. 354.

RICHARD A. FOX purchased in April, 1849, from Robert J. Fox and Eliza: C., his wife, for \$625, a tract of 100 acres, 3 rods, 32 poles, on the public road leading from Dublin Mill to Mangohick Church, adjoining land owned by Robert J. Fox, the heirs of Reuben Bush, and the estate of Samuel Patterson, deceased. William S. Ryland and R. W. Fox are named as Justices of the Peace.—*King William Records*, XIII, p. 347.

RICHARD A. FOX was administrator of the estate of Thomas P. Fox in 1856.

A Refunding Bond was recorded in 1867 from RICHARD A. FOX to Charles L. Cocke, administrator of the estate of James Fox and Mary, his wife, for the sum of \$687.38, a bequest from Richard's uncle, James Fox. A. T. Mooklar went on his bond.—*King William Records*, XVI (2), p. 394.

In 1868 a deed was made by which RICHARD A. FOX and Margaret A., his wife, sold to William W. Thomas a tract of 50 acres in King William County called "Pine Top," bounded by the

main road leading from Beulah Church to Reedy Mills and a main road leading from the above-named road to Mangohick Church—the same piece of land that FOX had bought from T. C. Moore (deceased) and W. E. and J. L. Latane. In the deed the brick kiln on the premises was excepted.—*King William Records*, XVI (2), p. 480.

In 1869 the REVEREND R. A. FOX took a pastorate in Gloucester and moved his family to that county. Still later he moved to Mathews County and there he lived until his death.

His funeral sermon, by his own request, was preached by Elder W. E. Wiatt and was on the text found in Ephesians 2:8. (Taylor, *Virginia Baptist Ministers*, 4th Series, p. 302.) RICHARD ANDREW FOX and his wife are buried in the Fox burial ground near Mathews Court House. They had issue:

1. William Pierce Fox (October 22, 1848-April 8, 1905), of whom hereafter.
2. Roscoe Pleasants Fox (December 16, 1849-October 23, 1902), did not marry.
3. Mary Ellen Fox (June 17, 1851-May 6, 1852), is buried at "Retreat."
4. Josephine Thomas Fox (March 4, 1853-January 11, 1881), did not marry.
5. Newton Smith Fox (October 23, 1854-April 30, 1911), who married Mrs. Virginia (Fleet) Hudgins; no issue.
6. Martha Sarah Fox (July 9, 1856-March 1, 1925), did not marry.
7. Susan Ryland Fox (July 30, 1858-May 8, 1935), of whom hereafter.
8. Margaret Luella Fox (May 17, 1860-July 10, 1868), buried at "Retreat."
9. Daniel Short Fox (May 18, 1862-May 21, 1921), who married on December 26, 1907, Mrs. Julia (Billups) Fox, widow of Edward Jackson Fox; no issue.
10. Edward Jackson Fox (April 11, 1864-August 31, 1895), of whom hereafter.

11. Richard Henry Fox (July 16, 1867-September 28, 1924), of whom hereafter.

From the *Census* of King William County for 1850:

Richard A. Fox	age 26
Margaret A. "	" 24
Willie P. "	" 2
Roscoe P. "	" 7½ months
Mary E. "	" 28 [sister of R. A. Fox]

The copy below of an entry in an account book (now in the possession of a granddaughter) of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox, gives an interesting item, which corresponds with a record in the *Family Bible* of the Reverend Richard Andrew Fox: "William Pierce Fox born October 22, 1848."

1848	Mr. Richard A. Fox	
Oct. 23	To night visit to wife & delivery child &c	15.50
	" To cash	16.62½
	Cr.	32.12½
	By Schooling of W. F. 1848 \$12	
	& 1849 \$15	\$27.00
	By 3 books furnished	1.62½
	(?) deduct	3.50
		<u>32.12½</u>

"W. F." was William Fayette Fox, son of Dr. R. W. Fox.

WILLIAM PIERCE FOX

WILLIAM PIERCE FOX (October 22, 1848-April 8, 1905), son of Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox, was born in King William County. He was for many years Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School at Westville, Mathews County, was interested in every good work, and was greatly beloved. He married on April 12, 1882, Mary Ellen Digges (October 6, 1864-October 30, 1927), daughter of Isaac Digges,¹ a prominent Baptist minister, and his wife, Anne Elizabeth (Merrick) Digges, of King and Queen County. WILLIAM PIERCE FOX is buried in the graveyard on the old Fox place near Mathews Court House. Mary Ellen (Digges) Fox is buried in Newport News.

¹The Digges arms are on the tomb of Governor Edward Digges at "Bellfield," also on the tomb of Ann, wife of Colonel

William Cole and daughter of Governor Edward Digges.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIX, p. 358; II, p. 382.

Edward Digges, according to the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (Volume XIX, p. 357), was Governor from March 30, 1656, to March 13, 1658. He was a younger son of Sir Dudley Digges, Master of Rolls to King Charles I.—*William and Mary Quarterly*, XXII, p. 74.

William and Dudley were the only sons of Governor Edward Digges who are known to have survived and left issue.—*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIX, p. 358.

William Pierce Fox and Mary Ellen (Digges) Fox had eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity, and ten of whom are living at this time (1938):

1. William Harvey Fox, who married on December 23, 1915, Maud Beatrice Lyliston, daughter of William David Lyliston and Elizabeth (Saunders) Lyliston. No issue.

2. Mary Lena Fox, married on November 12, 1924, Arthur Wilcher Jacobs, son of Francis Jacobs and Martha (Tanner) Jacobs; issue:

(1) Lena Kathryn Jacobs.

3. Josephine Thomas Fox, married on August 18, 1909, Samuel Judson Rodgers, son of William Rodgers of New York and Mary Jane (Jennings) Rodgers of New Kent County, Virginia; issue:

(1) Mary Janet Rodgers, who married on October 17, 1936, William Goode Talton, son of William Goode Talton and Juliette Jeffries (Pollard) Talton.

(2) William James Rodgers.

(3) Joseph Randolph Rodgers.

(4) Philip Lee Rodgers.

4. Anne Electa Fox, who married on June 2, 1906, Henry Clay Hopkins (December 12, 1879-April 2, 1932), son of James F. Hopkins of Poquoson, York County, Virginia, and Elizabeth (Hurt) Hopkins. Henry Clay Hopkins is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Richmond. Issue:

(1) William James Hopkins, married on March 6, 1937, Vir-

ginia Christian Bass, daughter of John Early Bass and Alma O. (Rudd) Bass.

- (2) Marvin Anderson Hopkins.
- (3) Henry Clay Hopkins.
- (4) Robert Kenneth Hopkins.
- (5) Anne Electa Hopkins.

5. Isaac Dudley Fox, married on April 7, 1915, Cornelia Ann Russell, daughter of John Elwell Russell and Lavinia (Riley) Russell; issue:

- (1) Russell Elwell Fox.
- (2) Grace Virginia Fox.

6. Richard Horace Fox, who married on March 15, 1919, Carrie Sterling Johnson, daughter of Nevill Calmes Johnson and Clara (Henbury) Johnson; issue:

- (1) Dorothy Virginia Fox (November 28, 1919-February 1, 1924).
- (2) Ella Mae Fox.
- (3) June Page Fox.
- (4) Clarice Virginia Fox.
- (5) Mary Lee Fox.
- (6) Barbara Ann Fox.

7. Edward Jackson Fox, who married on October 29, 1919, Grace Mitchell, daughter of Henry Thomas Mitchell and Rosa Lee (Williamson) Mitchell, of New Kent County; issue:

- (1) Elizabeth Lee Fox.
- (2) Edward Jackson Fox.

8. Beverly Ware Fox, married, *first*, on October 31, 1916, Lillian Curtis (January 11, 1896-October 12, 1918), daughter of William Edward Curtis and Beulah (Davis) Curtis; issue:

- (1) Beulah Ellen Fox.

Beverly Ware Fox married, *second*, on August 17, 1921, Martha Marie Larson, daughter of Berut Larson and Magdalene (Stanel) Larson; issue:

- (2) Marie Ware Fox.

(3) Vera Virginia Fox.

9. Margaret Elizabeth Fox (March 9, 1900-August 23, 1925), who married on June 17, 1919, Edward Felix Turner, son of Dr. James P. Turner and Maggie P. (Greene) Turner; issue:

(1) Edward Felix Turner.

(2) Margaret Electa Turner.

10. Thelma Digges Fox, who married on October 28, 1922, James Essex Worsham, son of Samuel Pleasants Worsham and Ella May (Cothran) Worsham; issue:

(1) James Essex Worsham.

11. Ellen Pierce Fox, who married on June 23, 1932, William Fitzhugh Corcoran, son of William Henry Corcoran and Emma (Kershaw) Corcoran.

SUSAN RYLAND (FOX) FOX

SUSAN RYLAND FOX (July 30, 1858-May 8, 1935), daughter of Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox, was born at "Woodlawn," King William County. She married in October, 1887, Walker Lyle Fox (1849-1915), son of her uncle John Newton Fox and her aunt Elizabeth (Smith) Fox. Susan Ryland Fox and Walker Lyle Fox lived at Deltaville, Middlesex County, Virginia. Issue:

1. Winfree Fox (1888-1903).

2. Roscoe Garnett Fox, who married on December 27, 1916, Linda Kathleen Dunn, daughter of Granville Jackson Dunn of Essex County, and Genevieve (Glenn) Dunn of King and Queen County; issue:

(1) Walker Journeay Fox.

(2) William Ryland Fox.

(3) Granville Garnett Fox.

(4) Marjory Kathleen Fox.

(5) Elizabeth Ernestine Fox.

EDWARD JACKSON FOX

EDWARD JACKSON FOX (April 11, 1864-August 31, 1895), son of Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox,

married on July 12, 1885, Julia J. Billups, daughter of Robert Sheppard Billups and Mary Elizabeth (Kirman) Billups, of Mathews County; issue:

1. Robert Andrew Fox.

2. Clara Mae Fox, who married on June 18, 1912, William L. Majette of Mathews County, son of William Lawrence Majette and Caroline (Bateman) Majette. They live at Hickory, Norfolk County, Virginia. Issue:

- (1) William Edward Majette.

- (2) Walter Fox Majette, who married on March 16, 1935, Daisy Woodward, daughter of Walter Woodward and Polly (Pritchard) Woodward. They have a daughter:

- a. Joyce Lynn Majette.

- (3) Virginia Caroline Majette.

3. Edward Clyde Fox, married on June 10, 1925, Etta Williams, daughter of John Herbert Williams and Annie Eliza (Waggner) Williams. No issue.

4. Julian Billups Fox, married on November 11, 1925, Josephine Claiborne Marchant, daughter of Griffith S. Marchant (died 1936) and Mary Claiborne (Butts) Marchant (died 1937). No children.

RICHARD HENRY FOX

RICHARD HENRY FOX (July 16, 1867-September 28, 1924), son of Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox, married, *first*, on February 25, 1891, Annie Elizabeth Hudgins (deceased), daughter of Isaac Thomas Hudgins and Julia (Callis) Hudgins of Mathews County. Their children are:

1. Elizabeth Lee Fox, who married in June, 1927, Harold Amadee Smelser. No issue. She lives in Washington, D. C.

2. Clara Louise Fox, lives in Norfolk.

3. Daniel Isaac Fox, who went to the West.

4. Mabel Alma Fox, who married, *first*, on March 15, 1915,

Harry Townsend (deceased), son of Elwen and Catherine Townsend. Their children are:

- (1) Harry Townsend, Jr.
- (2) Paul Derrickson Townsend.
- (3) Gordon Lee Townsend.

Mabel Alma (Fox) Townsend married, *second*, on April 23, 1934, Robert Sidney Evans, son of William Evans and Georgie (Williams) Evans. They have no children.

RICHARD HENRY FOX (1867-1924) married, *second*, Mrs. Ottie (Callis) Sadler. No issue.

JOSEPH COLEMAN FOX

JOSEPH COLEMAN FOX (1787-March 13, 1831), son of Captain John Fox and his first wife, Judith (Turner) Fox, did not marry. His sister, Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and her family made their home with him at "Locust Hill,"¹ which adjoined the property of Rhoda Samuel on Dorrell Swamp. (Tax Receipts.)

"Locust Hill" is still standing. The original part of the house (a two-story addition has been built) is a story and a half in height. It is not pretentious in size, but is quaint and interesting. It is of frame construction, elevated about two steps from the ground, with a great chimney at each end. The roof is sharply gabled, the front coming down as a cover for a porch that extends the length of the building. The rear roof comes low, to cover two shed rooms. There are two dormer windows in the front and small windows on each side of the chimneys in the gables. In the yard stands the original old kitchen, with its great, squatty chimney, pot cranes, and broad hearth.

The names of the homes of the children of Captain John Fox are listed in a note-book left by his son, Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox of "Palestine."

In an indenture made in 1810 between John Garnett of the first part and John Fox and Joseph C. Fox of the second and third parts, an agreement was made regarding the transfer of certain property (56 acres and appurtenances) from John Garnett to John Fox, and there were confirmed to Joseph C. Fox the 200 acres on which John Garnett was then living.—*King William Records*, VI, p. 73.

Joseph C. Fox, having attained his majority, in 1811 paid a land tax on his property. He also that year paid a personal tax on 2 whites, 6 blacks, and 5 horses.

In 1818 Joseph C. Fox conveyed to William Ancarrow, for the sum of \$215.25, a tract of 30¾ acres lying on the middle branch of Herring Creek.—*King William Records*, VIII, p. 328.

In 1820 Joseph C. Fox had acquired other lands and in that year paid taxes on 469¾ acres adjoining William Samuel's on Dorrell Creek. The total valuation of lands and buildings for taxation was \$3,280.25.

It appears that Joseph C. Fox added no other acres to those mentioned above, as his estate in the tax lists for 1831 contained only $469\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

Joseph C. Fox died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frances Wyatt (Fox) Leftwich, according to the following obituary published in the *Religious Herald* of March 25, 1831: "Died, at 'Cool Spring' on Sunday the 13th instant, in the 44th year of his age, Mr. Joseph Fox of 'Locust Hill,' King William County." He is buried at "Retreat." He left his entire estate in trust to Elizabeth Darrell Fox and her husband, Joseph Fox. William S. Ryland and James Cocke were appointed the trustees.

THE REVEREND THOMAS HENRY FOX

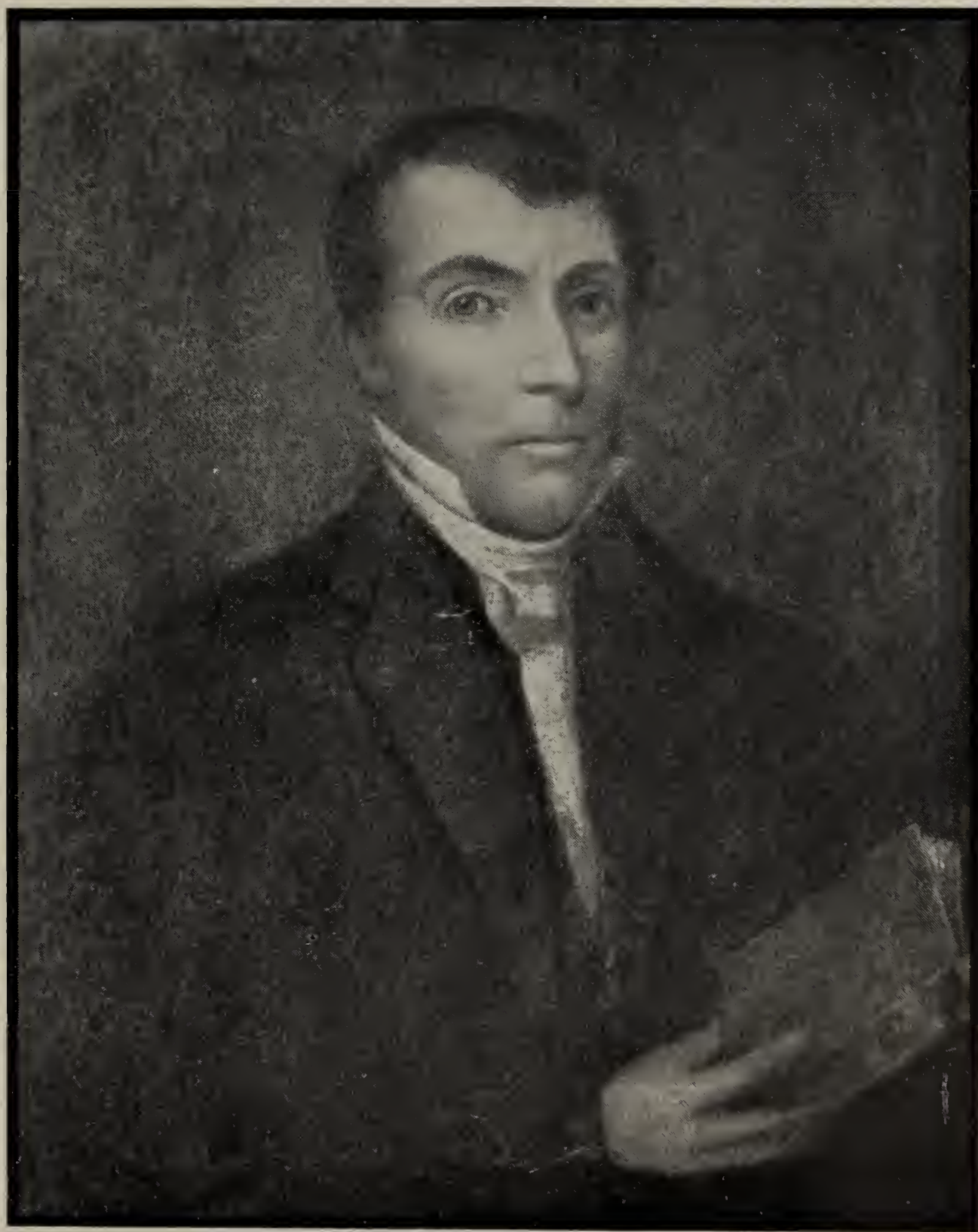
THOMAS HENRY FOX (April 15, 1793-buried April 2, 1873), eldest son of Captain John Fox and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat" in King William County. At the age of thirteen he was sent to Rumford Academy, King William County. In 1810 his father placed him in Wingfield Academy, Hanover County, under the instruction of the Reverend Peter A. Nelson.¹ THOMAS HENRY attended Wingfield for two years, then entered Richmond Academy. After leaving that institution, he taught school near Richmond for a year.²

¹The Reverend Peter A. Nelson died on Thursday, March 15, 1827, aged 70 years. He was a minister in the Episcopal Church, but later "united with the church of baptized believers."
—Obituary, *Enquirer*.

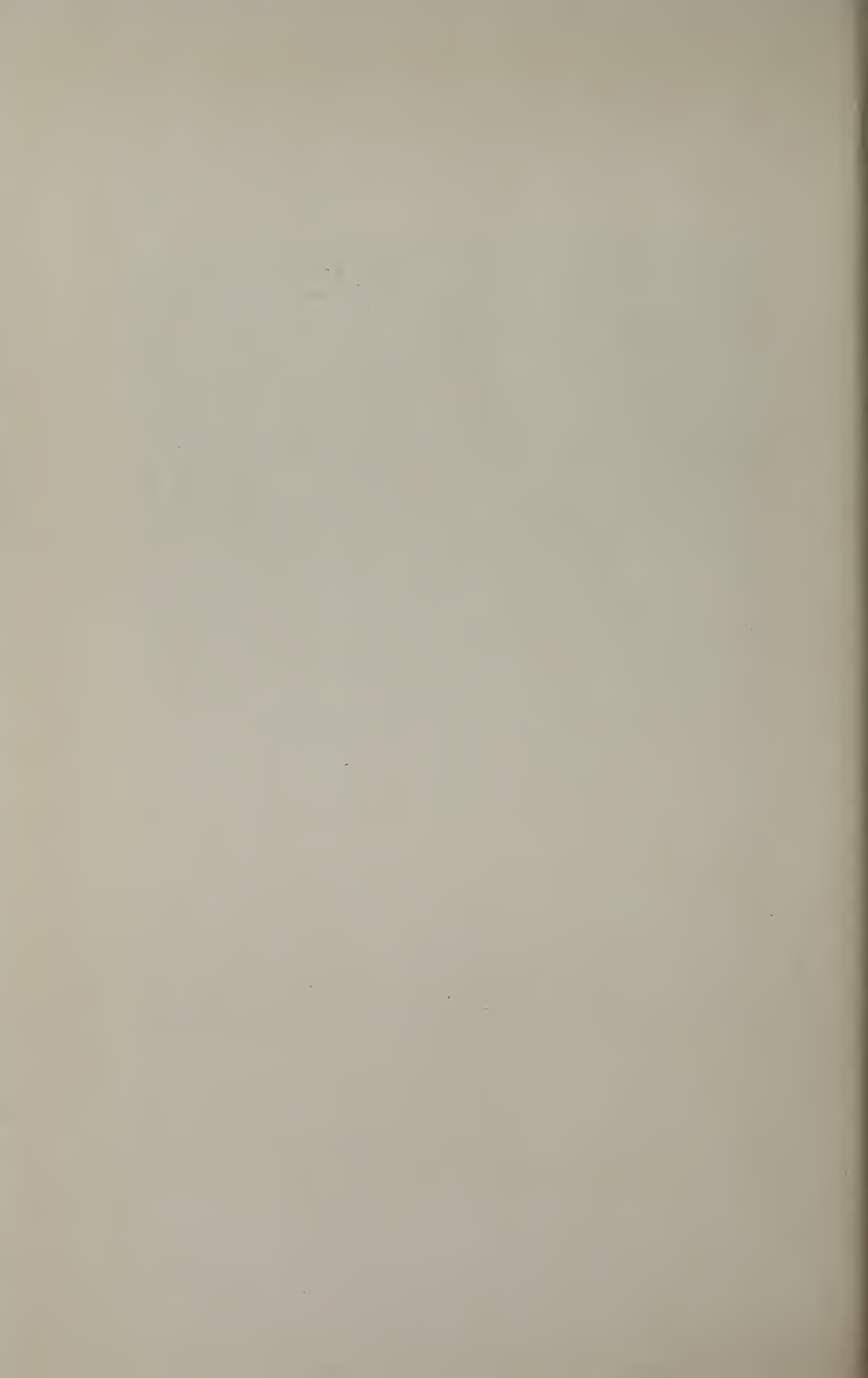
²The *Diary* which Thomas Henry Fox kept for many years is of great interest and value for the family data which it contains. Most of the information herein regarding him and his family was taken from this *Diary*.

While THOMAS HENRY FOX was living in the home of the Reverend Mr. Nelson and attending Wingfield Academy, he was deeply attracted by Eliza Nelson, the eldest daughter, and they became engaged. THOMAS HENRY did not expect to marry before 1814, when he would attain his majority and would, he hoped, have secured a remunerative position which would enable him to support a family. However, Mrs. Nelson, who was in very feeble health, was anxious that the marriage should be consummated sooner, and so, on the 16th of December, 1813, at "Fall Mills," Caroline County, THOMAS HENRY and Eliza were united in marriage. The Reverend Andrew Broaddus performed the ceremony.

THOMAS HENRY FOX at this time accepted a position in the school of Mr. Peter C. Nelson, but, as misfortune soon beset the business affairs of Mr. Nelson, THOMAS found himself in very poor circumstances before the year was out. Learning of this, Captain John Fox proposed that his son come to King William and settle on property with which he would provide him. THOMAS HENRY accepted this offer and arrived at his father's home on



THE REVEREND THOMAS HENRY FOX (1793-1873).
FROM A PORTRAIT BY UNGER



December 28, 1814. The next day Captain John Fox died suddenly after an illness of only about eighteen hours "of sore throat"!

"THOMAS H. FOX had chosen law as a profession and for this he had by arduous and careful study prepared himself, but his naturally frail and delicate constitution suffered almost entire prostration by the sudden death of his venerated father." "Having moreover encumbered himself with a young family, he abandoned the law and took up school teaching as a more remunerative means of livelihood. Thus teaching became his life work, and in it he was eminently successful." (From a booklet on Baptist ministers, Baptist Historical Society.)

In 1815 THOMAS HENRY FOX accepted a position as teacher in Wingfield Academy. He says of the next few years: "The times were difficult, the War had made all supplies high . . . from this time to 1821 we were in a state of almost yearly transition from one place to another."

In January of 1820 THOMAS returned to Wingfield Academy. A year later he moved to Richmond,³ and became connected with the school of John G. Nelson. This arrangement did not prove satisfactory, so in May, THOMAS took his wife, two children, and two servants, to a home on the southwest corner of Cary and Third Streets in Richmond, where he opened a school of his own. Here on June 7 was born his third child, Thomas Henry Fox, Jr., and here a month later THOMAS experienced a great shock in the sudden death of his sister, Mary Coleman Fox, who was on a visit of a few days to him and his family. "On Sunday morning we carried her remains to King William, and deposited them in the family burying ground."

³In 1821 Richmond was a town of 12,000 population.

Sometime afterward he "opened a school in the little Capitol, which stood where the Depot of the R.F. and P. R.R. later stood." Here he had as patrons T. Ritchie, J. Wickham, John Cable, Nicholas Daniel, the Brockenbroughs, Gables, Breckenridges, Peytons.

Since there was much cholera in Richmond in the fall of 1832, THOMAS FOX thought it safer to have his family in the country. He therefore purchased a farm in Hanover County. While school buildings were being constructed on his newly purchased land, he

went to Mangohick in King William County and opened a school. There he greatly enjoyed the weekly prayer meetings held in the old Colonial church.

Later THOMAS HENRY FOX moved to his farm, "Sylvan Hill," in Hanover County and took up his residence in the new school buildings. There he had a good school for a number of years, but the situation was too secluded for a boarding school, and, too, he "was cut off from all religious society" of his "own denomination," so in 1837 he sold this property and moved to Taylorsville, where he remained for two years. He then purchased of Mr. Pleasant Terrill the "Juniper farm" in Hanover County. "Ellington" was the name he gave to this property, on which he erected school buildings, and to which he moved in 1840. There he resided "in great peace and comfort" and conducted a most successful school for young men and boys until his death more than thirty years later.

THOMAS HENRY FOX was reared in a godly family and a religious environment, and was himself very devout. However, he did not unite with the church until he was thirty-three years old. In 1826 there was in Richmond a remarkable religious awakening. On November 26th of that year THOMAS FOX, his sister Judith, and Mary Ann Nelson, having made "profession of faith," were baptized by the Reverend J. B. Taylor, pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

In the year 1848 THOMAS FOX was ordained to the ministry by invitation of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Caroline County, of which he was a member for thirty years. "As a preacher or proclaimer he did not excel, but as an advisor and counselor he had few superiors. His Christian life and doctrine were in beautiful accord with God's Holy Word. Of singular refinement and elegance of manner, he was an instructive and charming companion." (From his *Obituary* in the files of the Baptist Historical Society.)

Eliza Hamilton Nelson was born on July 1, 1792, at Scotch Town, Hanover County, and died on June 21, 1855, at "Ellington,"⁴ Hanover County. As has been said, she was the daughter of the Reverend Peter A. Nelson. Her mother was Anne (Lawrence) Nelson. Eliza Fox was an invalid and a sufferer for many

years before her death. Her husband wrote much in his *Diaries* about her beautiful Christian fortitude during those years of illness. After her death he wrote his brother, Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox, "Her remains were taken to Richmond early Saturday morning by the accommodation train, and carried to the Second Baptist Church, where Dr. Howell read portions of Scripture and made some remarks, Dr. Jeter prayed, and Brother Taylor gave a brief and appropriate sketch of her Christian life." The body was then placed in Hollywood Cemetery. Her funeral sermon, in accordance with the custom of the time, was not preached until later, on the second Sunday in July, at Taylorsville.

Mr. Unger, an artist, spent some weeks at "Ellington" in 1858, while painting the portraits of Thomas H. Fox, his daughter, and his wife (from a picture.)

THOMAS H. FOX is also buried in Hollywood. Their children were:

1. Frances Anne Fox (December, 1814-buried May 4, 1874), did not marry.

2. Richard Nelson Fox (November, 1818-September, 1878), of whom hereafter.

3. Thomas Henry Fox (born in Richmond, June 7, 1821), who married on April 16, 1863, Mary Jane Williamson. They had issue:

(1) Williamson Harris Fox, who was born on February 17, 1864, at "The Forest," Hanover County, and who in 1937 was living in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

4. William Henry Fox (1825-December 30, 1902), of whom hereafter.

RICHARD NELSON FOX

RICHARD NELSON FOX, "Captain Dick" (November, 1818-September, 1878), son of Thomas Henry Fox and Eliza Hamilton (Nelson) Fox, was born at "Oxford," Caroline County. He married on September 29, 1856, Josephine Marie Adelaide Picot de Boisfeillet (1824-September, 1891), who was born in Saint Briec des Côtes du Nord, France, and was the daughter of Armand Michel Picot de Boisfeillet (son of a French nobleman and third cousin of Prince Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Perigord) and Josephine Adelaide Augustine, formerly Micault. The mar-

riage was solemnized at the home of Madam Picot de Boisfeillet, in Caroline County, by the Reverend Thomas H. Fox, "minister of the Gospel." (From the copy made by Thomas H. Fox of the certificate which he gave to the clerk of the Court of Caroline County, Virginia.)

RICHARD NELSON FOX and his wife are buried at "La Madeleine," their home in Hanover County, which is still owned by the family. Issue:

1. Josephine Augustine Adelaide Renée Fox (1858-June 13, 1926), of whom hereafter.
2. Eliza Nelson Fox (1859-1911), married on January 7, 1907, George Mortimer Finch; no issue.
3. Thomas Henry Fox (born on October 5, 1861), unmarried.
4. Michel Armand Jean Fox (born on July 12, 1863), who married on July 6, 1911, Roberta Patterson, daughter of John Hunt Patterson and Maria Beverley (Anderson) Patterson; issue:
 - (1) Armand Jean Fox.
5. Alfred Fox (1864-1865).

JOSEPHINE (FOX) BAZILE

JOSEPHINE AUGUSTINE ADELAIDE RENÉE FOX (1858-June 13, 1926), daughter of Richard Nelson Fox and Josephine Marie Adelaide (Picot de Boisfeillet) Fox, married in 1888 Aimé Maurice Bazile, son of Jean Maurice Bazile and Stephanie (Pegoud) Bazile. Jean Maurice Bazile and his father came to America from Chattillon sur Seine, France, of which town the father had been mayor. JOSEPHINE and Aimé Maurice Bazile are buried at "Big Rock," in Hanover County. Issue:

1. Leon Maurice Nelson Bazile (born September 9, 1890), who married on January 26, 1918, Virginia Hamilton Bowcock, daughter of Dr. R. L. Bowcock and Virginia (Sands) Bowcock; issue:
 - (1) Virginia Lee Bazile.
2. Josephine Marie Elise Camille Bazile (March 1, 1893-May 5,

1924), married on December 18, 1920, Charles Felix Cross, son of Wirt Cross and Alice (Campbell) Cross; issue:

- (1) Charles Felix Cross.
- (2) Elise Bazile Cross (April 1, 1924-November 11, 1925).

WILLIAM HENRY FOX, M. D.

WILLIAM HENRY FOX, M. D. (1825-December 30, 1902), son of the Reverend Thomas H. Fox and Eliza Hamilton (Nelson) Fox, was awarded the degree of M. D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1849. He married on December 19, 1854, Sallie Gaines Carleton (March 19, 1832-buried May 26, 1910), daughter of George Carleton and Lucilla Myra (Gaines) Carleton. DR. FOX and his wife were charter members of the Ashland Baptist Church. They are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond. Issue:

1. George Carleton Fox (1856-1862), who died of scarlet fever.

2. Eliza Nelson Fox (1857-1862).

3. Thomas Henry Fox (March 28, 1859-January 20, 1935), did not marry. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

4. Myra Lucilla Fox (1860-1861).

5. William Cowper Fox (July 12, 1863-April 7, 1897), married Laura Ratcliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratcliff. Issue:

- (1) Louise Fox, who died in infancy.

6. Fleming Milton Fox (September 24, 1865-December 31, 1932), of whom hereafter.

7. Lawrence Nelson Fox (November 10, 1867-February 24, 1932), of whom hereafter.

8. Schooler Fox (January 30, 1870-January 8, 1929), was born at "Ellington." He married Louise Cox of Ashland. Schooler Fox was a deacon in the Ashland Baptist Church and a highly esteemed citizen; was connected with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad offices for more than forty years. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ashland. No issue.

9. Julian Powers Fox (born January 27, 1876), married Eliza-

beth Owen, daughter of John Owen and Charlotte (Stebbins) Owen. They live in Chester, Virginia. Issue:

- (1) Julian Powers Fox, Jr.

FLEMING MILTON FOX

FLEMING MILTON FOX (September 24, 1865-December 31, 1932), son of Dr. William Henry Fox and Sallie Gaines (Carleton) Fox, was born at "Ellington." He married on November 7, 1894, Fannie M. Miller (June 27, 1861-1934), daughter of James Miller and Sue (Reeve) Miller. FLEMING M. FOX was for nearly half a century employed in the general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. He and his wife are both buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ashland. Their funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. H. Foster of the Baptist Church. Issue:

1. Fannie Fox, died in childhood.
2. William Cowper Fox, who married on October 24, 1917, Sallie Carter, daughter of Robert W. Carter and Agnes (Lewis) Carter. Issue:
 - (1) William Cowper Fox, Jr.
 - (2) Agnes Lewis Fox.
3. Fleming Milton Fox, who married on January 20, 1921, Mildred Le Grande, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Le Grande of Richmond. Issue:
 - (1) Fleming Milton Fox.
4. Henry Carleton Fox, an Episcopal minister, who married on January 10, 1930, Virginia Campbell Buchanan, daughter of Joseph Graham Buchanan and Margaret Sophia (Hortenstine) Buchanan.
5. Sue Miller Fox.
6. Marion Elizabeth Fox, who married on March 28, 1924, John Garrett of West Point, Virginia, son of B. C. Garrett and Ada Gilliam (McEnery) Garrett.

LAWRENCE NELSON FOX

LAWRENCE NELSON FOX (November 10, 1867-February 24, 1932), son of Dr. William Henry Fox and Sallie Gaines (Carle-

ton) Fox, was born at "Ellington," Hanover County; married on February 6, 1894, Nellie Sands, daughter of A. H. Sands and Ella Virginia (Goddin) Sands of Richmond. LAWRENCE NELSON FOX was a member of the Ashland Baptist Church, serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as deacon. For many years he was moderator of the Dover Association. He was connected with the Powers-Taylor Drug Company for more than thirty years, holding the position of secretary and treasurer of the firm for a long period. His funeral was conducted by Dr. J. H. Foster; he is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ashland. Issue:

1. Lawrence Hamilton Fox.

2. Carrie Carleton Fox.

3. Juliet Stegar Fox (born April 15, 1900), who married on July 17, 1933, John Lee Little of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.

4. Conway Lee Fox, married on June 6, 1935, Eleanor Mae Jennings, daughter of James P. Jennings and Clara Wilson (Cole) Jennings of Ashland. Issue:

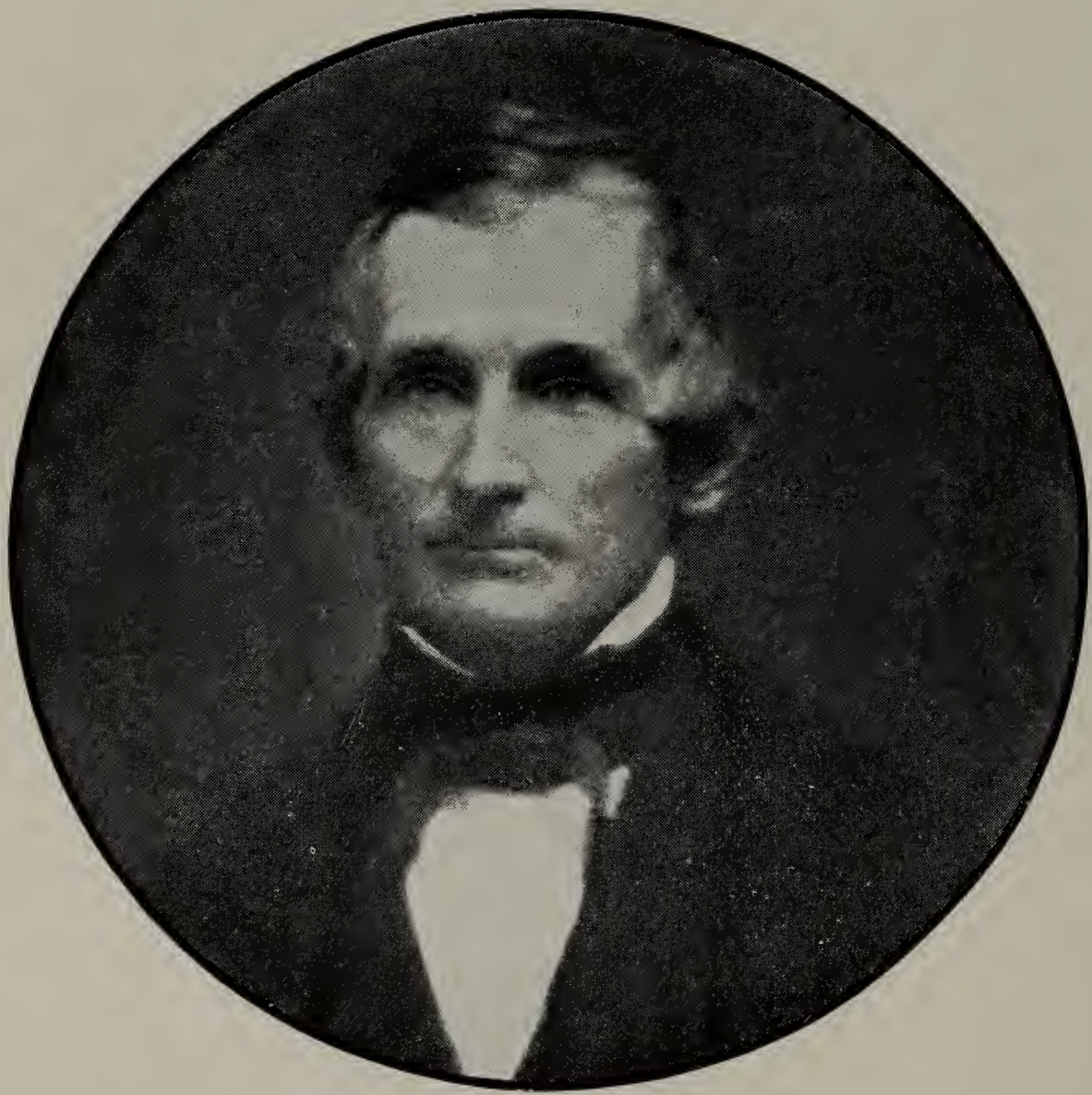
- (1) Helen Sidney Fox.

JUDITH TURNER (FOX) HATCHETT

JUDITH TURNER FOX (1794-buried July 17, 1868), eldest daughter of Captain John Fox and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat." She married William Hatchett (1788-1854), a minister of the Baptist Church. Their home was "Pleasant Level," in Hanover County. After the death of her husband, JUDITH TURNER (FOX) HATCHETT and her daughters moved to Richmond. Thomas H. Fox in his *Diary* mentions visiting his "sister Hatchett" in Richmond. She died of typhoid fever. Both JUDITH TURNER (FOX) HATCHETT and her husband are buried in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond. They had issue:

1. Emily Turner Hatchett, who never married, but taught for many years in the public schools of Richmond. She died at the age of 88 years in the Baptist Home for Aged Women in Richmond; and was buried in Shockoe Cemetery on September 26, 1917.

2. Mildred Hatchett, did not marry. She died in Petersburg at the age of 45 years from burns received from kerosene. She was buried on March 13, 1882, in the family section in Shockoe Cemetery.



DR. RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX (1795-1864).
FROM A DAGUERRECTYPE

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX, M. D.

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX I (April 2, 1795-April 3, 1864, aged 69 years and 1 day), son of Captain John Fox and his second wife, Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat," King William County. He received his early education at Rumford Academy, King William County. In 1823 he entered the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated on April 5, 1825, with the degree of "Doctor of the Medical Art." The subject of his graduation thesis was "Dysentery."¹ DR. FOX was a successful physician for almost forty years, and was greatly beloved.

¹This information was obtained from the office of the Dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania on March 19, 1934.

The diploma and thesis of Dr. Fox are preserved by the family.

He built a home² about 1830 at Mangohick³ in the upper part of King William County, and there his first three children were born. In 1846⁴ he purchased from the estate of Jacob Burruss,⁵ 388 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. This was called "Palestine,"⁶ and here he spent his remaining years. For many years he conducted the Palestine Female Institute, which attracted many students from King William and adjacent counties.

²This house is still standing and is in very good repair.

³In 1830 Dr. Richard W. Fox paid taxes on 242 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, in two tracts, adjoining Lawrence Trant's property and Mangohick Church, valued at \$2,480. Of this land, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres had been obtained from John Powell by deed; \$300 was added for buildings.—*Tax Receipts* for King William County.

Dr. Fox in 1833 was taxed on 215 acres "adjoining Lawrence Trant and Robert Hill," valued at \$2,114.55. This was "from Mary E. Trant by marriage"—the estate of George R. Trant. Dr. Fox later sold this tract to Lawrence Trant.—*Tax Receipts* for King William County.

⁴In 1846, Richard W. Fox was taxed on 688 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres in two tracts, one at Mangohick Church and the other adjoining William S. Ryland ("Roseville"). The total value was \$4,786. A part of this, 558 acres, was purchased from Thomas Burruss

of the estate of Jacob Burruss.—*Tax Receipts* for King William County.

The last-named tract was "Palestine." It remained in the family for eighty years.

In 1847, Richard W. Fox and Mary E., his wife, conveyed to James G. White, for the sum of \$412.50, a tract of 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres "adjoining the village of Mangohick." This was part of the land which Dr. Fox had purchased of John L. Stevens on May 27, 1838. One boundary was the land sold to White by Fox in 1845.—*King William Records*, XIII, p. 8.

⁵The Jacob Burruss family burial ground is at "Palestine." It is situated by the side of the old garden plot, "behind the carriage house" (or where it once stood). No interment has been made there since 1846.

⁶The "Palestine" house, though now in a state of decay, was until recently quite attractive. It is a story and a half in height, built in two adjoining sections set at right angles to each other. There are three huge chimneys, three dormer windows in the front, and small windows in the gables. The back roof comes low to cover a long porch. The house has nine rooms and a long hall connecting the front porch with the back; and two stairways, one, enclosed, running from the "chamber" to the "girls' room" above.

DR. FOX was baptized on December 4, 1836, under the preaching of Alexander Campbell, and became a member and later an elder in the organization of the Disciples of Christ⁷ then meeting in the Mangohick Colonial Church.

⁷Later this organization became Corinth Christian Church.

He married on December 4, 1832, Mary Elliott Trant (September 29, 1814-May 19, 1872), daughter of George R. Trant⁸ and Mary E. (Walker)⁹ Trant of "Trenton," King William County. "In life he exhibited every Christian virtue and died rejoicing in the blessed belief of Eternal life; beloved and lamented by all who knew him."

⁸George R. Trant was the son of Captain Lawrence Trant of Revolutionary service, and Sarah, his wife. The estate was named "Trenton." These three, as well as a number of their descendants, are buried there.

⁹Mary E. Walker, born in 1784, according to a sampler "finished in the 16th year of her age. . . 1800," was the daughter of Thomas Walker (died 1810) of "Cownes" (near Aylett),

and Frances (Hill) Walker (died 1795). Frances (Hill) Walker was the daughter of John Hill and Mary (Elliott) Hill of "Mayfair," King William County.

DR. RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX and his wife are buried at "Retreat." Issue:¹⁰

1. Mary Nelson Fox (April 9, 1834-April 12, 1882), who was born at Mangohick. She was educated at Mrs. Gray's Seminary in Tappahannock. At the death of her sister, Fannie Ellen (Fox) Mooklar, she took the latter's two infant children and gave them a mother's love and care. She was a sweet singer, a devout member of Corinth Christian Church, and the comfort of her widowed mother. She is buried at "Retreat."

2. William Fayette Fox (May 1, 1836-October 15, 1909), of whom hereafter.

3. Fannie Ellen Fox (March 3, 1838-January 26, 1871), of whom hereafter.

4. Ella Brown Fox (1839-1840), is buried at "Retreat."

5. Clara Woolfolk Fox (November 3, 1843-1859), died at the age of sixteen, and is buried at "Retreat." Her funeral sermon was preached by the Reverend Mr. Pettigrew of old Sycamore Church, Richmond.

6. Virginia Coleman Fox (December 30, 1849-January 11, 1874), died in Richmond and is buried at "Retreat."

7. Richard Woolfolk Fox II, "Woody" (September 3, 1851-May 21, 1914), of whom hereafter.

8. Infant daughter, born on May 27, 1853, died at the age of one month, six days. (From *Family Bible*.)

¹⁰From the *Census* for King William County taken in 1850: Richard W. Fox, 55; Physician \$4,000; Mary E. Fox, 36; Mary N. Fox, 16; Fayette Fox, 14; Fanny E. Fox, 12; Clara W. Fox, 7; Virginia Fox, a few months old; James Johnson, age 22, manager for Dr. Fox.

The *Census* of 1850 was the first to give the names of others than the heads of families.

WILLIAM FAYETTE FOX

WILLIAM FAYETTE FOX (May 1, 1836-October 15, 1909), son of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox, was

born at Mangohick, attended Rumford Academy, and was graduated from Richmond College in 1854; later he took his degree from the University of Virginia. He was an educator and author, and an honored elder in the Christian Church. He was the first principal of the Richmond High School, which was opened on October 1, 1872. He served in that capacity until February, 1889, when he was appointed superintendent of the Richmond City Schools. This office he held for more than twenty years. He married on December 22, 1870, Elenia Pemberton Carter (April 1, 1845-September 16, 1923), daughter of David Wade Carter and Margaret (Smith) Carter of Richmond. WILLIAM FAYETTE Fox and Elenia Pemberton (Carter) Fox are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond. Their children were:

1. Leila Fox (November 23, 1871-September 25, 1927), who married on April 11, 1900, James Wirt Bowles, son of Thomas J. Bowles and Anna (Crump) Bowles of Richmond. She is buried in Hollywood. Issue:

(1) William Carter Bowles, who married on January 29, 1937, Mrs. Louisa (Laing) Garred, daughter of John Laing and Margaret (Slagel) Laing of Charleston, West Virginia. William Carter Bowles has legally adopted his wife's son, John Laing Garred, changing his name to John Laing Bowles. William Carter Bowles and Louisa Bowles have one child:

a. William Carter Bowles, Jr.

(2) Margaret Anne Bowles, who married on July 18, 1936, Dr. Francis Keith Bradford, son of the Reverend John Jefferson Bradford and Grace (Allen) Bradford. Issue:

a. Amy Allen Bradford.

2. Inez Fox.

FANNIE ELLEN (FOX) MOOKLAR

FANNIE ELLEN FOX (March 3, 1838-January 26, 1871), daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox, was born at Mangohick and educated at the Albemarle Female Institute, near Charlottesville, of which the Reverend James W. Goss was president. She taught with her father several years in

Palestine Institute. On January 5, 1865, she married Atwell Tebbs Mooklar (February 7, 1827-February 5, 1901), son of William T. Mooklar and Susan S. (Tebbs) Mooklar of Richmond and Essex Counties. She is buried at "Retreat." Atwell Tebbs Mooklar, her husband, is buried at Corinth Christian Church, King William County. Issue.

1. Mary Susan Mooklar (June 7, 1866-May 12, 1867).

2. Ellen Mooklar, who married on November 18, 1886, William James Cocke (February 21, 1861-November 20, 1921), son of Thomas Edward Cocke and Catherine (Bagby) Cocke of Hanover and Louisa Counties. William James Cocke was in active service for more than thirty-six years as a minister of the Gospel. He is buried in the cemetery at Corinth Christian Church, King William County. Issue:

- (1) Mary Mooklar Cocke.

- (2) William James Cocke, who was born on February 25, 1893, and died at the age of six months.

3. Richard Atwell Mooklar (June 7, 1869-August 3, 1896), was educated at Milligan College, Tennessee; did not marry; is buried in the cemetery at Corinth Christian Church, King William County.

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX II

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX II (September 3, 1851-May 21, 1914), son of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox, was born and spent his life at "Palestine," King William County. He was educated at Palestine Institute and at a private school for young men in Richmond. He taught school for twenty years in Caroline County near his home, and was superintendent of the county schools of King William County for some years. He was an elder of Corinth Christian Church. During eleven years he performed every marriage ceremony and conducted every funeral service which was held within a radius of many miles of his home. His life exemplified the way of Christian service. Kind, gentle, sympathetic, he never lost the ability to make friends and to win the coöperation of others. He is buried at Corinth Christian Church.

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX II married, *first*, on November 30, 1876, Elizabeth Temple Fleet (April 20, 1855-May 1, 1899), daughter of William Temple Fleet of "Fleetstreet," King William County, and Rachel Mary (Richards) Fleet of Caroline County. He married, *second*, on May 28, 1901, Mertine Campbell Fleet (April 4, 1863-January 19, 1911), sister of his first wife, Elizabeth Temple (Fleet) Fox; they had no issue. He married, *third*, on September 3, 1912, Lucetta Elizabeth Head, daughter of Quint V. Head and Mary Florence (Feageanes) Head of Albemarle County; no issue.

RICHARD WOOLFOLK FOX II and Elizabeth Temple (Fleet) Fox had issue:

1. Lucy Gwynn Fox, who married on June 7, 1905, Luther Jerrell Head, M. D., of Caroline County, son of Marcena Watts Head and Esther Elizabeth (Jerrell) Head; issue:

(1) Infant son (1906).

(2) Dorothy Elizabeth Head, who married on September 1, 1928, Francis Gregory Thomas, son of Jefferson Grant Thomas and Margaret C. (Farish) Thomas of Hanover County; issue:

a. Francis Gregory Thomas.

b. Margaret Gwynn Thomas.

c. Edward Grant Thomas.

d. David Elmo Thomas.

(3) Rachel Margaret Head (December 22, 1908-December 21, 1918), is buried at Wright's Chapel (Methodist), Caroline County, in the Head family section.

(4) Luther Jerrell Head.

(5) James Edward Head, who married on July 5, 1933, Iola Parthenia Covington, daughter of W. I. Covington and Parthenia (Peatross) Covington of Caroline County. Issue:

a. James Edward Head, Junior.

b. Esther Virginia Head.

(6) Esther Ann Head.

(7) Lucy Fleet Head.

(8) Mary Elliott Head.

2. Elizabeth Woolfolk Fox (June 2, 1879-May 13, 1908), married on June 26, 1907, Elijah N. Johnson (died 1935) of Southampton County; she is buried at Corinth Christian Church, King William County. Issue:

(1) Elizabeth Johnson, died in infancy.

3. William Elliott Fox (January 4, 1881-January 2, 1939), married on June 24, 1898, Sallie Gwathmey Gravatt of King William County, daughter of Arthur C. Gravatt and Lelia G. (White) Gravatt. No issue. William Elliott Fox died at his home in Richmond, and was buried at Hebron Baptist Church, King William County, on January 4, his fifty-eighth birthday. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in which Mr. Fox had been a deacon, conducted the service.

4. Edward Merton Fox (April 15, 1883-April 20, 1917), married on June 13, 1913, Nellie B. Head, daughter of Quint V. Head and Mary Florence (Feageanes) Head of Albemarle County. He is buried at Corinth Christian Church. Issue:

(1) Helen Woolfolk Fox, who married on July 15, 1934, Clyde Wallace Hawkins, son of Eugene Clifton Hawkins and Minnie Morton (Wilson) Hawkins, of Bedford County, Virginia.

(2) Mary Lucile Fox.

(3) Edwina Merton Fox.

5. Mary Ellen Fox, who married on December 27, 1911, Julian Hampton Parr (September 19, 1877-December 19, 1935) of Caroline County, son of Robert Semple Parr and Sallie Elizabeth (Carter) Parr; issue:

(1) Elizabeth Fleet Parr, who married on September 14, 1933, Hunter Holdsworth Trice of King William County, son of James Ernest Trice and Macca Miller (Harvey) Trice. Issue:

a. Mary Elizabeth Trice.

b. Ann Harvey Trice.

c. Hunter Hampton Trice.

6. Richard Woolfolk Fox III, a minister in the Christian Church, who married on June 14, 1921, Mayme Lynch of Penn-

sylvania, daughter of Charles Wesley Lynch and Francena (Winck) Lynch; issue:

(1) Richard Woolfolk Fox IV.

(2) Evelyn Lynch Fox.

7. Percy Ryland Fox, M. D., a physician practicing in West Virginia.

8. Nelson Moffatt Fox, a minister in the Christian Church, married on September 3, 1924, Matilda Anne Drummond, daughter of John Thomas Drummond and Fannie (Osborne) Drummond. Issue:

(1) Anne Drummond Fox.

(2) Nelson Moffatt Fox.

MILDRED STEVENS (FOX) DREWRY

MILDRED STEVENS FOX (1798-1872), daughter of Captain John Fox and his second wife, Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat." She married¹ Martin Drewry (died 1862) of "Brandy Wine," King William County, son of John, grandson of William, and great-grandson of John Drewry, who came from England about 1730 and settled in York County. Martin Drewry was sheriff and commissioner of King William County for many years. Thomas H. Fox in his *Diary*, under date of October 17, 1858, expressed his joy that "Captain Drewry" had joined the church. MILDRED STEVENS (FOX) DREWRY died at the age of 74 years at "Half Sink," Hanover County, the home of her son, Major Augustus H. Drewry, and was taken to "Belle Vue," King William County, for burial beside her husband.

¹The marriage of Mildred S. Fox took place sometime between September 18, 1815, and March 25, 1816, as she is mentioned in a deed dated September 18, 1815, as "Mildred S. Fox," and in an indenture dated March 25, 1816, as "Mildred S. Drewry."

The children of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry were:

1. Augustus Henry Drewry, who was born in 1817 and died in 1899. From a copy of the *News Leader*, Richmond, Virginia, of 1924, the following is taken: "Twenty-five years ago, 1899—Major Augustus H. Drewry, one of the oldest, most successful and best known farmers in Virginia, died at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's Home in this city. Major Drewry had almost reached his 82nd year. His body will be taken to Westover early this morning on the steamer Pocahontas. In no age has there lived a finer type of the Virginia country gentleman than Major Drewry." Comment on the above item was this: "During the war between the states Major Drewry had raised and commanded a battalion, which aided in driving back the 'Galena' and the 'Monitor.' The high hill to which he then removed his men was afterwards known as Drewry's Bluff.

"Major Drewry was one of the organizers and the president of the Virginia Navigation Company, and was president of the Vir-

ginia State Agricultural Society. He purchased historic 'Westover' on the James in 1867; here he lived until his death. He is buried at Westover Church in Charles City County."

He married, *first*, Lavinia Anderson of Amelia County; his second wife was Mary Harrison (died 1918), of Charles City County. There were no children.

2. Mary Drewry, married Jeremiah Willingham (1812-June 24, 1890). Mr. Willingham is buried in Maury Cemetery in South Richmond. Mary (Drewry) Willingham died at "Riverdale" (in Chesterfield County, three miles east of Centralia), the home of her brother-in-law, Captain Rich A. Willis, and is buried in the old Tazewell family burial ground on that plantation. There are no tombstones in that graveyard. A niece, Mrs. Henry Heth Vaden, has a portrait of Mrs. Mary (Drewry) Willingham by the younger Sully. Issue:

(1) Charles Allen Willingham, died on March 11, 1898, aged 47 years. He did not marry.

(2) Lily Virginia Willingham (died *circa* 1904), married, *circa* 1886, John Henry Hankins. They had three children:

- a. Mary Drewry Hankins, died in infancy.
- b. Allen Willingham Hankins, died in infancy.
- c. Annie Willingham Hankins, who married Mr. Flood of Norfolk. They have one son.

3. Virginia Martin Drewry (October 15, 1830-buried on December 24, 1884), of whom hereafter.

4. Clay Drewry (March 11, 1833-March, 1911), of whom hereafter.

5. Charlotte Eusebia Drewry (*circa* 1835-1916), of whom hereafter.

6. John William Drewry (1837-1873), of whom hereafter.

7. Martha Amelia Drewry (died 1868), who married St. George Coalter. They had issue:

- (1) St. George Tucker Coalter, died in infancy.
- (2) Judith Coalter, died in infancy.

(3) Martin Drewry Coalter (died *circa* 1909), who for many years was manager of "Westover" for his uncle Augustus Drewry. He did not marry; is buried at "Belle Vue," King William County.

VIRGINIA MARTIN (DREWRY) WILLIS

VIRGINIA MARTIN DREWRY (October 15, 1830-December 24, 1884), daughter of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry, was born at "Belle Vue" in King William County. She married Captain Rich A. Willis (January 22, 1831-1885), of "Riverdale," Chesterfield County. She is buried in Maury Cemetery, South Richmond.

"Captain R. A. Willis of Chesterfield County, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. D. L. Pulliam, in Manchester [South Richmond], yesterday, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He came to the city Wednesday evening for the purpose of attending to business, and was in perfect health it seemed. About an hour later he was taken with a severe chill, terminating in congestion of the lungs and pneumonia. Mr. Willis was born in the state of Tennessee in January, 1830 [1831 on his tombstone], and after the death of his father, Dr. Willis, he moved to Jefferson County, and lived there until 1851, when he came to Chesterfield, where since he has lived, following the occupation of farmer, with success.

"He was Captain of an infantry company in the Confederate Army, was a gentleman of rare culture, and was universally beloved for his noble character and amiable disposition.

"He was a member of Salem Baptist Church in Chesterfield. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and four sons, and a host of friends, who mourn his death. His remains will be taken to Centralia on the Petersburg 10:49 train, Wednesday morning, and interred in the Public Cemetery at that place. [His remains were later moved to Maury Cemetery, South Richmond.] In the death of Captain Willis Chesterfield loses one of her most worthy and esteemed citizens." (*Obituary*)

VIRGINIA MARTIN (DREWRY) WILLIS and Captain R. A. Willis had issue:

1. William Martin Willis (July 16, 1851-May 31, 1935), of whom hereafter.

2. Augustus Drewry Willis (July 25, 1853-November 25, 1933), who married in July, 1919, Loulie Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. The home of Augustus Drewry Willis was at Manquin, King William County, on a part of the old Drewry plantation called "Brandywine." He is buried at Sharon Baptist Church. He left one son:

(1) Augustus Drewry Willis, Jr.

3. Evelyn Byrd Willis (March 2, 1855-April 25, 1892), was born in King William County. She married in 1877 David Lloyd Pulliam (March 13, 1852-October 22, 1931), son of Albert Pulliam (died 1913, aged 84) and — (Lloyd) Pulliam of Chesterfield County. She and her husband are buried in Maury Cemetery, South Richmond. They had one child:

(1) Willis Clopton Pulliam, who married on November 6, 1906, Edith Hyde, daughter of Edward Hyde and Mary (Meredith) Hyde of Cheshire, England. Their children are:

a. Mary Evelyn Pulliam.

b. Edward Mosby Pulliam.

4. Lewis Willis (born 1857), of whom hereafter.

5. Rich Augustus Willis (September 12, 1858-May 16, 1932), lived in New Kent County, Virginia, but died at the home of his brother William Martin Willis in Chesterfield County. He did not marry. He is buried in Maury Cemetery, South Richmond.

6. Lavinia Anderson Willis (1859), died in infancy.

7. Virginia Clay Willis (1860-June, 1895), who married on April 30, 1895, David Watson Morriss; she died a few weeks later, and is buried in Maury Cemetery.

8. James Barbour Terrill Willis (1862), died in infancy.

9. Robert Lee Willis (1862), died in infancy.

WILLIAM MARTIN WILLIS

WILLIAM MARTIN WILLIS (July 16, 1851-May 31, 1935), son of Virginia Martin (Drewry) Willis and Captain Rich A. Willis,

married on December 6, 1877, Nannie Townes (March 3, 1849-September 19, 1920), daughter of Waveley Townes and Maria Louisa (Akin) Townes of Petersburg. They lived in Chesterfield County. Their children are:

1. Marie Louise Willis, who married on June 12, 1901, Anderson Wade Douthat, son of Robert Douthat and Bettie (Wade) Douthat. Anderson Wade Douthat died on February 28, 1927, and is buried in Danville, Virginia. Their children are:

(1) Nancy Willis Douthat, who married on October 5, 1935, Joseph Stras Walton, son of Arthur D. Walton and Martha (Stras) Walton.

(2) Anderson Wade Douthat, who married in September, 1932, Lutie Tom Walcott of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their children are:

a. Nancy Walcott Douthat.

b. Anderson Wade Douthat III.

2. Virginia Drewry Willis.

WILLIAM MARTIN WILLIS and Nannie (Townes) Willis lost three sons in infancy.

LEWIS WILLIS

LEWIS WILLIS (born 1857), son of Virginia Martin (Drewry) Willis and Captain Rich A. Willis, married on June 14, 1891, Nina Mae Griffin, granddaughter of John C. Griffin of Charleston, South Carolina. They live in Newport News, Virginia. Their children are:

1. Evelyn Byrd Willis, who married on January 25, 1915, Miss Kirkland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oleph Kirkland. Their children are:

(1) Evelyn Byrd Willis.

(2) Charles Atlas Willis.

(3) Fluta Mae Willis.

2. Francis Rich Willis, who married, *first*, on June 18, 1919, Frances Lankford (deceased). They had one daughter:

(1) Helen Frances Willis.

Francis Rich Willis married, *second*, Miss Holland of Suffolk. They have no children.

3. Charles Griffin Willis, who married on February 17, 1924, Violet Sine of Canada. They have one child.

4. William Moore Willis, married on June 27, 1924, Emma Nuckols; issue:

(1) William Moore Willis.

5. Virginia Willis, died at the age of 19 months.

6. Herbert Willis, died at the age of 4 years.

CLAY DREWRY

CLAY DREWRY² (March 11, 1833-March, 1911), son of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry of "Belle Vue," King William County, married on December 3, 1863, Jane Taylor Birchett (1843-buried January 7, 1929), of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Clay Drewry and his wife are buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

²Clay Drewry (1833-1911) bought "Westover" on the James River in 1862 and sold it on March 7, 1866, to his brother, Augustus Henry Drewry.

CLAY DREWRY and Jane Taylor (Birchett) Drewry had issue:

1. Annie Broadnax Drewry, died young.

2. Claude Drewry, died young.

3. Rich Augustus Drewry, died young.

4. Virginia Martin Drewry, who married, *first*, in 1896, Adolphus Blair, son of Adolphus Blair and Ellen (Beirne) Blair. Issue:

(1) Clay Drewry Blair, married on January 12, 1925, Marie Louise Baretto; issue:

a. Clay Drewry Blair.

b. Marie Louise Blair.

(2) Adolphus Beirne Blair, who married on April 12, 1936, Viola Goode; issue:

a. Adolphus Beirne Blair, Jr.

Virginia Martin Drewry married, *second*, on October 20, 1929, Warner Hardwick of Augusta, Georgia.

5. Clay Drewry (1871-buried in Hollywood Cemetery June 6, 1931), married on December 12, 1900, Helen Moseley, daughter of James Moseley and Mary (Valentine) Moseley; issue:

(1) Helen Drewry, who married and has one child.

6. Augustus Henry Drewry (died March, 1939), who married, *first*, on June 17, 1908, Anna Guerrard (died *circa* 1915), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ross Guerrard of Savannah, Georgia. They had:

(1) Jo Guerrard Drewry.

(2) Leona Ross Drewry, who married on June 27, 1936, Donald Reid of New York. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.

Augustus Henry Drewry married, *second*, Rosa Gray. Their children are:

(3) Fairfax Gray Drewry.

(4) Jane Drewry.

Augustus Henry Drewry died in Florida and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

7. George Theophilus Drewry, died young.

8. Anne Duncanson Drewry, who married on November 15, 1900, Edmund Lafayette Benson (June 1, 1878-March, 1932), son of Lafayette Benson and Addie (Cole) Benson of Nashville, Tennessee; issue:

(1) Anne Benson, who married on November 26, 1928, William Temple Moseley, son of William Moseley and Mary (Cullen) Moseley; issue:

a. Jane Drewry Moseley.

(2) Edmund Lafayette Benson, married in February, 1936, Frances Ann Taylor; issue:

a. Edmund Lafayette Benson III.

9. Mary Evelyn Drewry (buried September 3, 1915, in Hollywood Cemetery, aged 28 years), married on April 14, 1906, C. Charles Bowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bowe; issue:

(1) Jane Taylor Bowe, who married in 1930, Camillus Albert Nash of Norfolk, Virginia; issue:

a. Camillus Albert Nash, Jr.

(2) Mary Ursula Bowe.

CHARLOTTE E. (DREWRY) TERRILL-COALTER

CHARLOTTE EUSEBIA DREWRY (*circa* 1835-1916), daughter of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry, married, *first, circa* 1861, James Barbour Terrill (died May 30, 1864, aged 26 years), son of Colonel and Mrs. William H. Terrill of Bath County. James Barbour Terrill was a brave and intrepid officer in the Confederate Army, and was in several severe engagements. He was killed in battle while leading a desperate charge near Bethesda Church in Hanover County. He was commissioned a Brigadier General, but the notice did not arrive until a few hours after his death. James Barbour Terrill and CHARLOTTE EUSEBIA (DREWRY) TERRILL had two children:

1. Mercer Terrill, who died in Texas, unmarried.

2. Emily Barbour Terrill, who married on November 14, 1895, Henry Heth Vaden (January 25, 1857-March 31, 1939) of Chesterfield County, son of Thomas Vaden and Elizabeth (Heth) Vaden. Henry Heth Vaden is buried in Hollywood. Their children are:

(1) Mercer Terrill Vaden.

(2) Thomas Vaden, married in March, 1936, Beulah Neuffer of Cincinnati.

(3) Charlotte Drewry Vaden, married on October 19, 1920, William Barksdale Warwick, son of Abram Warwick and Grace (Patterson) Warwick of St. Paul, Minnesota. Their children are:

a. William Barksdale Warwick.

b. Henry Heth Warwick.

CHARLOTTE EUSEBIA DREWRY, daughter of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry, married, *second*, in 1869, St. George Tucker Coalter (died in 1897, aged 57 years) of King William County, son of St. George Tucker Coalter and Judith

(Tomlin) Coalter. He had first married Amelia Drewry, sister of CHARLOTTE. St. George Tucker Coalter was buried at "Clifton" in Hanover County; later the body was moved to Hollywood, where CHARLOTTE is also buried. CHARLOTTE (DREWRY) COALTER and St. George Tucker Coalter had issue:

3. Henry St. John Coalter (1870-1911), who married in 1899 Lina Gregory, daughter of Judge Roger Gregory and Elizabeth (Allen) Gregory of "Elsing Green," King William County; issue:

(1) Elizabeth Frances Coalter.

(2) Charlotte Eusebia Coalter, married on November 11, 1927, Philip H. Enslow of the United States Navy, son of L. B. Enslow and Marie Elizabeth (Harrison) Enslow; issue:

a. Charlotte Coalter Enslow.

b. Philip H. Enslow.

(3) Roger Gregory Coalter, who married in February, 1937, Gordon Reid, daughter of Burwell H. Reid of Washington and Mrs. William Lawrence Blassenham.

After the death of Henry St. John Coalter, his widow, Mrs. Lina (Gregory) Coalter, married Roger Taylor Gregory.

4. Augustus Drewry Coalter, died at the age of nine months.

5. Harrison Tomlin Coalter, died at the age of eleven months.

6. Randolph Tucker Coalter (1877-1930), married in June 1910, Lucille Tunstall, daughter of Robert Conway Tunstall of New Kent County, and — (Parkinson) Tunstall. Issue:

(1) Henriette Coalter, who married in 1936 Othello Brooke Pollack. They have one child:

a. Othello Brooke Pollack, Jr.

(2) Hannah Coalter.

7. Amelia Drewry Coalter, who married on November 4, 1903, Branch Flournoy Spencer of Charlotte County, son of Branch Worsham Spencer and Emma Roy (Burke) Spencer of King William County. They have issue:

(1) Charlotte Roy Spencer, who married on October 16, 1924,

Mansfield Ralph Cleary, son of John Joseph Cleary and Lillian (McAllister) Cleary of Chicago; issue:

- a. Mansfield Ralph Cleary, Jr.
- b. Spencer Cleary, who died at the age of two years.
- c. John McAllister Cleary.
- d. Charlotte Coalter Cleary.

(2) Judith Randolph Spencer, who married on July 17, 1933, Charles Dean Eaton, Jr., son of Charles Dean Eaton and Mary (Cunningham) Eaton of Ireland; issue:

- a. Judith Coalter Eaton.
- b. Janet Drewry Eaton.

(3) Jane Coalter Spencer, married on February 17, 1937, Earl Henri Le Menager.

JOHN WILLIAM DREWRY

JOHN WILLIAM DREWRY (1837-1873), son of Mildred Stevens (Fox) Drewry and Martin Drewry, married on November 7, 1867, Blanche Norman Powell (1851-1909), daughter of Dr. John N. Powell and Mary Catherine (Wright) Powell. Issue:

1. William Powell Drewry (1868-1912), did not marry.
2. Mary Katherine Drewry (1874-June 2, 1934), who married on August 7, 1902, Sterling Boisseau (died 1938) of Dinwiddie County, son of Judge James Boisseau and Elizabeth (Cousins) Boisseau. They had no children.

3. Mildred Lee Drewry, married in December, 1902, Minor Bronaugh, son of Joseph W. Bronaugh and Martha Davis (Minor) Bronaugh; issue:

(1) Joseph Bronaugh, who married on October 13, 1934, Gertrude Priscilla Taylor, daughter of Joseph Gardner Taylor and Gertrude (Harper) Taylor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They have a son:

- a. Joseph Taylor Bronaugh.

(2) Mildred Powell Bronaugh, who married on October 4, 1930, John Byrd Taylor of Lynchburg; issue:

- a. Moncure Robinson Taylor.
- b. Mildred Lee Drewry Taylor.

FRANCES WYATT (FOX) LEFTWICH

FRANCES WYATT FOX (1800-buried February 25, 1867), daughter of Captain John Fox and his second wife, Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat." She married Thomas Leftwich (1792-1874) of King William County, and lived at "Cool Spring," two miles from her father's home. It was at "Cool Spring" that all their children were born. According to county tax papers, this farm contained 92 acres. About 1848 they moved to Richmond. The will of Thomas Leftwich was probated April 30, 1874, in Chancery Court, Richmond, Virginia, and is recorded in *Will Book I*, page 371. FRANCES WYATT (FOX) LEFTWICH and Thomas Leftwich are buried in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond. Their children were:

1. Edwin M. Leftwich (December 24, 1819-December 29, 1902), of whom hereafter.
2. John Henry Leftwich (July 9, 1824-November 26, 1885), of whom hereafter.
3. Thomas R. Leftwich (October 9, *circa* 1828-December 18, 1867), of whom hereafter.
4. Mary Coleman Leftwich (born *circa* 1836), who married John C. Sizer; no issue.
5. Lucie Ellen Leftwich (born 1845), of whom hereafter.

EDWIN M. LEFTWICH

EDWIN M. LEFTWICH (December 24, 1819-December 29, 1902), son of Frances Wyatt (Fox) Leftwich and Thomas Leftwich, on December 6, 1843, married Virginia Myers Hopkins (1826-1898). Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond. Issue:

1. George Myers Leftwich (October 26, 1844-September 10, 1862), who was killed in battle at Fayette Court House. He is buried in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond.
2. Ernest Hopkins Leftwich (May 30, 1846-1886), did not marry. He is buried in Shockoe.

3. Fannie Thomas Leftwich (May 1, 1848-January 21, 1913), of whom hereafter.

4. Lucie Hansford Leftwich (born August 18, *circa* 1850), married two or three times. One husband was General Barri of Washington. She is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. She left no issue.

5. Edwin Clay Leftwich (September 26, 1852-December 31, 1911), who did not marry. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond.

6. Nannie Davis Leftwich (February 18, 1855-1856).

7. Armistead Leslie Leftwich, M. D. (May 4, 1857-April 15, 1908), of whom hereafter.

8. Robert Hyde Leftwich (November 20, 1859-August 17, 1907), of whom hereafter.

9. Douglas Lee Leftwich (born November 22, 1862), of whom hereafter.

FANNIE T. (LEFTWICH) WERTENBAKER

FANNIE THOMAS LEFTWICH (May 1, 1848-January 21, 1913), daughter of Edwin M. Leftwich and Virginia Myers (Hopkins) Leftwich, married on June 24, 1873, Charles Christian Wertenbaker of Charlottesville, Virginia. Issue:

1. William Wertenbaker (September 13, 1875-April, 1933), M. D., of Wilmington, Delaware, who married on February 3, 1900, Imogen Peyton (October 15, 1875-December 27, 1922), daughter of Colonel Moses Green Peyton and Champe (Carter) Peyton. Issue:

(1) Charles Christian Wertenbaker, who married, *first*, on September 25, 1926, Henrietta Dodd Hoopes; *second*, in September, 1936, Nancy Hale Hardin. Issue by Nancy Hale (Hardin) Wertenbaker:

a. William Wertenbaker.

(2) Green Peyton Wertenbaker, now legally known as "Green Peyton," who married, *first*, in 1929, Alice Lee Shultice; *second*, in 1933, Barclay Thraves Barbee. Issue:

a. Infant (born and died in 1934).

(3) Imogen Peyton Wertenbaker, who married on October 2, 1935, Emerson Waldman, of Washington, D. C.

2. George Leftwich Wertenbaker, colonel in the United States Army, who married on April 11, 1907, Ernestine Hebert Rowland, daughter of William Rowland and Ernestine Hebert (Stevens) Rowland. Issue:

(1) Ernestine Rowland Wertenbaker, who married on June 6, 1931, Lieutenant Charles Grant Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goodrich. Issue:

a. Catherine Rowland Goodrich.

(2) George Leftwich Wertenbaker, Jr.

3. Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker, Ph. D., author and professor of American History in Princeton University, was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 6, 1879. He married on July 10, 1916, Sarah Rossetter Marshall of Lexington, Kentucky. Issue:

(1) Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker, Jr.

ARMISTEAD LESLIE LEFTWICH, M. D.

ARMISTEAD LESLIE LEFTWICH (May 4, 1857-April 15, 1908), M. D., son of Edwin M. Leftwich and Virginia Myers (Hopkins) Leftwich, was married by the Reverend W. S. Black to Nannie Stiner Hyde (February 26, 1858-September 10, 1910), of Raleigh, North Carolina. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond. Issue:

1. Infant son, died in 1881; buried in Oakwood.

2. Edwin Mervin Leftwich.

3. James Tompkins Leftwich (March 15, 1884-June 6, 1935), M. D., was married on May 28, 1910, by the Reverend Beverley Eggleston to Hattie Taylor James, daughter of Horace M. James and Nannie (Lumpkin) James. He died at his home, "Reddydale," Highland Springs, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He was a prominent physician for twenty years, and at the time of his death was president of the Henrico Board of Health; a member of the Richmond Academy of Medicine, of the Medical Society of

Virginia, of the American Medical Association; and a trustee of the Highland Springs Methodist Church. Issue:

(1) Horace Armistead Leftwich, died in August, 1912, in infancy, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

(2) Infant.

ROBERT HYDE LEFTWICH

ROBERT HYDE LEFTWICH (November 20, 1859-August 17, 1907), son of Edwin M. Leftwich and Virginia Myers (Hopkins) Leftwich, married Virginia Davis (1859-1928, in Washington, D. C.). Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Issue:

1. William Davis Leftwich, died 1900, aged 8 years; is buried in Oakwood.

2. D. L. Leftwich, died in September, 1896; is buried in Oakwood.

3. Dorothy Leftwich, who married Howard Douglas Coyner of Washington, D. C.

DOUGLAS LEE LEFTWICH

DOUGLAS LEE LEFTWICH (born November 22, 1862), son of Edwin M. Leftwich and Virginia Myers (Hopkins) Leftwich, married, *first*, on June 30, 1891, Rosa Lee Wertenbaker (May 28, 1869-January 3, 1918), daughter of Col. Charles Christian Wertenbaker and Mary Ella (Poindexter) Wertenbaker. Issue:

1. Virginia Myers Leftwich, who married Dr. L. Nelson Bell, son of James H. Bell (1854-March 4, 1937) and Mary (McCue) Bell of Rockbridge County, Virginia. They are missionaries to China. Dr. Bell has charge of a hospital in Tsing Kiang Pu (February, 1938). Issue:

(1) Rosa Lee Bell.

(2) Ruth McCue Bell.

(3) Lemuel Nelson Bell, died in infancy.

(4) Virginia Nelson Bell.

(5) Benjamin Clayton Bell.

2. Fannie Wertenbaker Leftwich, who married on February 16, 1918, John Harwood Barrett, son of Robert Harwood Barrett of Waynesboro, Virginia, and Marian (Hall) Barrett of Maine. They live in Roanoke (1939) and have one child:

(1) Dorothy Leftwich Barrett.

3. Douglas Lee Leftwich, died in infancy.

4. Charles Wertenbaker Leftwich, who married Kelesta Lea McGuire of Pennsylvania, and lives in Georgia. They have no children.

5. Ernest Hopkins Leftwich, who married Nancy Meng of Laurens, South Carolina. They live in Darlington, South Carolina. Issue:

(1) Ernest Hopkins Leftwich, Jr.

DOUGLAS LEE LEFTWICH, son of Edwin M. Leftwich and Virginia Myers (Hopkins) Leftwich, married, *second*, Edna Walker of Baltimore, Maryland. They have one child:

6. Douglas Lee Leftwich.

JOHN HENRY LEFTWICH

JOHN HENRY LEFTWICH (July 9, 1824-buried November 27, 1885), son of Frances Wyatt (Fox) Leftwich and Thomas Leftwich, married on October 17, 1847, Ann Elizabeth Shelton (February 6, 1830-December 10, 1909). Both are buried in Shockoe Cemetery. They had eight children:

1. Alexander Shelton Leftwich, died in infancy.

2. Fannie Lafon Leftwich, died in childhood.

3. Elvira C. Leftwich, died in childhood.

4. Lou Newton Leftwich, of whom hereafter.

5. John Bransford Leftwich (1864-1922), of whom hereafter.

6. Southall E. Leftwich, died in youth.

7. Jennie Lee Leftwich, of whom hereafter.

8. Harry Scott Leftwich, of whom hereafter.

LOU NEWTON (LEFTWICH) COGHILL

LOU NEWTON LEFTWICH (born September 30, 1859), daughter of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married on November 24, 1880, William Goodloe Coghill (January 29, 1849-March 28, 1928), son of William Anthony Coghill and Sallie (Goodloe) Coghill of Caroline County, Virginia. Issue:

1. Harry Bransford Coghill (December 18, 1881-June 5, 1910).

2. Elizabeth Newton Coghill (born October 28, 1883), who married on December 12, 1907, William Magruder Cobb, son of Thomas Henry Cobb of Georgia and Martha Louise (Magruder) Cobb of Alabama. Issue:

(1) William Magruder Cobb, Jr., born July 26, 1912.

(2) Harry Powers Cobb, born October 8, 1914.

(3) Thomas Tracy Cobb, born November 13, 1916.

JOHN BRANSFORD LEFTWICH

JOHN BRANSFORD LEFTWICH (1864-1922), son of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married, *first*, on March 1, 1889, Lelia Wilkinson Barnes (1864-1916). Issue:

1. Lelia Bransford Leftwich, who married in 1915, Charles Dunwouth Gray, son of Hilary Battaile Gray and Mary Frances (Madison) Gray. Issue:

(1) Frances Wilkinson Gray.

2. Louise Vidal Leftwich, who married in 1916, Paul Winfree Allman. Issue:

(1) Paul Winfree Allman, Jr.

(2) Edith Vidal Allman.

(3) Louise Bransford Allman.

(4) Robert Leftwich Allman.

(5) Dorothy Allman.

(6) Mary Catherine Allman.

3. Clarence Buford Leftwich (1894-1926), married in March, 1919, Elizabeth Lee Weymouth. No issue.

JOHN BRANSFORD LEFTWICH (1864-1922), son of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married, *second*, in 1919, Delia L. Yarbrough. They had no children.

JENNIE LEE (LEFTWICH) WRIGHT

JENNIE LEE LEFTWICH, daughter of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married Dr. Edwin P. Wright (1854-1913). They had one daughter:

1. Elsie Powell Wright, who married on December 5, 1914, Charles Brown Pearson, D. D. S. Their children are:

- (1) Margaret Irving Pearson.
- (2) Charles Brown Pearson, Jr.

HARRY SCOTT LEFTWICH

HARRY SCOTT LEFTWICH, son of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married, *first*, on March 31, 1891, Elizabeth Anne Norville (buried September 3, 1922, aged 49 years). Issue:

1. Lettie Lysle Leftwich, who married on February 6, 1915, James Thomas Usherwood, son of Thomas Usherwood and Priscilla (Edwards) Usherwood. Issue:

(1) Lettie Lysle Usherwood, who married on July 24, 1936, George Thomas Hall, Jr., son of George Thomas Hall and Carrie Coza (Hicks) Hall.

(2) Hilda Lee Usherwood.

2. Hallie Hope Leftwich, who married on August 3, 1914, Robert Ernest Dickinson, son of Walter Dickinson and Margaret (Jones) Dickinson. Issue:

(1) Robert Ernest Dickinson, Jr.

(2) Flossie Mae Dickinson.

(3) Hallie Hope Dickinson.

3. Harry Scott Leftwich, Jr., who married on September 29, 1928, Osa Quisgard, daughter of James Quisgard and Patricia (Jorgenson) Quisgard.

HARRY SCOTT LEFTWICH, son of John Henry Leftwich and Ann Elizabeth (Shelton) Leftwich, married, *second*, on December 11, 1936, Mrs. Hester Baughan. They live in Highland Springs, Virginia.

THOMAS R. LEFTWICH

THOMAS R. LEFTWICH (October 9, *circa* 1828-December 18, 1867), son of Frances Wyatt (Fox) Leftwich and Thomas Leftwich, married Mary S. Ellett. They are buried in Shockoe Cemetery. Issue:

1. Bena W. Leftwich (October 18, 1860-October 11, 1885), who married in 1885, J. Ludwell Hill (died 1919). She is buried in Hollywood.

2. George Ellett Leftwich, who married on June 1, 1893, Mary E. Dixon, daughter of Martin Chadwick Dixon and Mary Ann (Hillyard) Dixon. They live in Wilmington, North Carolina. Issue:

- (1) William Marion Leftwich.

- (2) George Ellett Leftwich.

3. Carrie S. Leftwich (1868-buried November 4, 1918, in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond), did not marry. She died in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, and was brought to Richmond for burial.

LUCIE ELLEN (LEFTWICH) WRIGHT

LUCIE ELLEN LEFTWICH (born 1845), daughter of Frances Wyatt (Fox) Leftwich and Thomas Leftwich, married James C. Wright of Caroline County. They had one child:

1. Luther Thomas Wright, who married Floyd Alvey, daughter of Edward Alvey and Ida F. (Huffman) Alvey. Issue:

- (1) Edward Alvey Wright, U. S. N., who married on May 24, 1933, Dorothy Virginia Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Lee Russell of Baltimore, Maryland.

CHARLES JAMES FOX

CHARLES JAMES FOX, son of Captain John Fox and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, was born at "Retreat" in 1803, died of typhoid fever at the age of 73 years and 3 days, and was buried on September 6, 1876. He married¹ in 1826, Ottera G. Dickinson (buried November 3, 1862, aged 58 years). She in her will left her interest in 114 acres of land called "Golansville," in Caroline County, inherited from her mother, Sallie Dickinson, also all interest in the estate of her father, William W. Dickinson, to her husband, CHARLES JAMES FOX, and children, Clementina Fox, Anne E. Fox, and Richard H. Fox. (*Wills*, Hustings Court, Richmond, XXI, p. 554.)

¹The marriage bond of Charles J. Fox and Ottera G. Dickinson, dated February 13, 1826, with Charles J. Fox and William W. Dickinson, Jr., as bondsmen, may be seen in *Marriage Bonds of Caroline County, Virginia*, II, p. 184.

CHARLES JAMES FOX and Ottera G. (Dickinson) Fox are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond. Their children were:

1. Sallie Frances Fox (April 10, 1831-December 25, 1906), who married William H. Eggleston. Both are buried in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond. They had one child, Clarence C. Eggleston, who died at the age of 19 years and is buried in the Dickinson section in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

2. Clementina Judith Fox (February 14, 1832-August 14, 1895), who did not marry. She is buried in Shockoe Cemetery.

3. John William Fox, who moved to Illinois early in life and married (name unknown). He had issue, whose whereabouts are unknown in 1938:

(1) Ella Fox.

(2) Maria Fox.

4. Mary Coleman Fox, who was born in Richmond. She did not marry; died at the age of 23 years, of diphtheria, and was buried on November 7, 1861, in the Dickinson section in Hollywood.

5. Anne Elizabeth Fox (died March 17, 1932, at an advanced

age), married in 1909, George Wesley Saunders, but had no issue. They are both buried in Hollywood.

6. Richard Henry Harrison Fox (buried May 13, 1915, aged 73), of whom hereafter.

7. Maria Louisa Fox (November 8, 1846-April 19, 1924), married on June 30, 1870, Charles P. Leavitt (died in 1900, while on a visit to his sister in Alabama, and was buried there), son of Dr. Oliver Leavitt of Louisville, Kentucky, and Helen (Merrill) Leavitt of Michigan; had three daughters, all of whom live in Richmond (1938).

(1) Alice Louise Leavitt.

(2) Gracie Snow Leavitt, married on April 22, 1916, John Spears Eggleston, son of Edward Harvey Eggleston and Mary (Gregory) Eggleston; no issue. John S. Eggleston has a daughter by his first marriage, Grace (Eggleston) Jamieson.

(3) Florence Elizabeth Howard Leavitt, married on October 5, 1911, Edward Lawrence Trant, son of Edward Lawrence Trant and Rosa (Harrison) Trant; no issue.

RICHARD HENRY HARRISON FOX

RICHARD HENRY HARRISON FOX (buried May 13, 1915, aged 73), son of Charles James Fox and Ottera (Dickinson) Fox, married on December 28, 1864, Elizabeth Virginia Calligan (born on New Year's Day—died October 6, 1932, aged 93), daughter of John Calligan and Nancy (Hobson) Calligan. RICHARD HENRY HARRISON FOX was a courier under General Lee during the War Between the States; later a commission merchant in Richmond for many years. He died in Petersburg. Elizabeth Virginia (Calligan) Fox died in Merion, Pennsylvania. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond. They had issue:

1. Adele Fox, of whom hereafter.

2. Ivy Ottera Fox, married on July 5, 1906, James Armistead Robins (July 15, 1844-November 16, 1917), of King William County, son of John Armistead Robins and Emma (Edwards) Robins; issue:

(1) Virginia Armistead Robins.

3. Virginia Elnora Fox, married on May 20, 1911, Charles Henry Smith (died May 25, 1937, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond), of Chase City, son of William Hill Smith and Susan (Leftwich) Smith, daughter of William Leftwich; no issue.

4. William Richard Fox I, of whom hereafter.

ADELE (FOX) McCURDY

ADELE FOX, daughter of Richard Henry Harrison Fox and Elizabeth Virginia (Calligan) Fox, married on November 14, 1884, Charles McCurdy (died June 29, 1933, aged 73 years, 8 months), son of Robert McCurdy and Fanny (Christian) McCurdy; children:

1. Jennie Warren McCurdy, who married on August 20, 1920, Robert Lee Sayers, of Manassas, Virginia; issue:

(1) Evelyn Warren Sayers.

2. Charles Harrison ("Tom") McCurdy, married on June 30, 1923, Elva Mae Turner, daughter of Henry Turner and Anna (Bryant) Turner. Charles Harrison McCurdy is a major in the National Guard.

3. Robert Lynwood McCurdy.

WILLIAM RICHARD FOX I

WILLIAM RICHARD FOX I, son of Richard Henry Harrison Fox and Elizabeth Virginia (Calligan) Fox, married on August 27, 1903, Bessie Alice Rowe, daughter of Edgar Rowe and Alice (King) Rowe, of Richmond. They live at "Red Rock," Merion, Philadelphia. Their children are:

1. Dorothy Cabell Fox, married in July, 1924, Blaine Wahab Scott II; issue:

(1) Blaine Wahab Scott III.

2. Phyllis Hobson Fox, married on June 6, 1927, Earle Barouche; issue:

(1) Phyllis Elaine Barouche.

(2) Earle Barouche, Jr.

(3) Richard Ferdinand Barouche.

3. William Richard Fox II.

4. Alice Virginia Fox, married on June 16, 1927, Edward Chaplin Dearden II; issue:

(1) Edward Chaplin Dearden III.

(2) William Fox Dearden.

5. Elizabeth Todd Fox, married on February 22, 1932, Gustave Frederick Landmann IV, of Philadelphia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Landmann III; issue:

(1) Frederick Harrison Landmann.

(2) Alice Elizabeth Landmann.

All the children of William Richard Fox I are residents of Philadelphia.

PERSONS BURIED AT "RETREAT"

- 1790 (*circa*)—Judith (Turner) Fox, first wife of Captain John Fox.
- 1814 —Captain John Fox, aged 54 years and 6 months.
- 1815 (*circa*)—George Fox, son of Captain John Fox and Judith (Turner) Fox.
- 1821 —Mary Coleman Fox, daughter of Captain John Fox and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox. Died in Richmond.
- 1823 —Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox, second wife of Captain John Fox.
- 1831 —Joseph Coleman Fox, son of Captain John Fox and Judith (Turner) Fox.
- 1837 (*circa*)—Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox, daughter of Captain John Fox and Judith (Turner) Fox.
- 1837 —Joseph Fox, husband of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox.
- 1838 (*circa*)—Judith Frances (Fox) Moore, daughter of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox.
- 1840 —Ella Brown Fox, daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox.
- 1852 —Mary Ellen Fox, infant daughter of the Reverend Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox.
- 1853 —Infant daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox.
- 1855 —Thomas Pierce Fox, son of Elizabeth Darrell (Fox) Fox and Joseph Fox.
- 1857 —John Temple Moore, son of Judith Frances (Fox) Moore and Temple Carter Moore.
- 1858 (*circa*)—Temple Carter Moore, husband of Judith Frances (Fox) Moore.
- 1859 —Clara Woolfolk Fox, daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox; aged 16.

- 1864 —Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox, son of Captain John Fox and Frances Wyatt (Woolfolk) Fox; aged 69.
- 1867 —Mary Susan Mooklar, infant daughter of Fannie Ellen (Fox) Mooklar and Atwell Tebbs Mooklar.
- 1868 —Margaret Luella Fox, daughter of the Reverend Richard Andrew Fox and Margaret Anne (Smith) Fox.
- 1871 —Fannie Ellen (Fox) Mooklar, daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox, and wife of Atwell Tebbs Mooklar; aged 33.
- 1872 —Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox, widow of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox.
- 1874 —Virginia Coleman Fox, daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox; aged 25; died in Richmond.
- 1881 —Frank Moore, son of Dr. Joseph Boardman Moore and Victoria (Wright) Moore.
- 1882 —Mary Nelson Fox, eldest daughter of Dr. Richard Woolfolk Fox and Mary Elliott (Trant) Fox; aged 48.
- 1884 —George Moore, son of Dr. Joseph Boardman Moore and Victoria (Wright) Moore.
- 1885 —Gertrude Moore, daughter of Dr. Joseph Boardman Moore and Victoria (Wright) Moore; aged 1 year.

IN THE SMALL ENCLOSURE ARE BURIED

- 1832 —James Burton Fox, son of James Fox and Mary (Burton) Fox; aged about 7 years.
- 1840 —James Fox, son of Thomas Fox and Leah (Lipscomb) Fox and nephew of Captain John Fox.
- 1857 —Matilda Munday,* housekeeper for Mrs. James Fox.
- 1867 (*circa*) —Mary (Burton) Fox, widow of James Fox.

*Miss Munday was buried in the grave from which the body of Mrs. William Henry Pleasants had been removed on February 12, 1857, for reinterment in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond. Mrs. Pleasants (Araminta Hodson Smoot) had died a short time before, while on a visit to her husband's aunt, Mrs. Fox, and, because of severe weather and high snowdrifts, had been buried temporarily in the James Fox cemetery at "Retreat."

WILL OF THOMAS FOX (DIED 1805)

In the name of God amen. I, Thomas Fox, of the County of King William and Parish of Saint David, being sick, though of disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament. I lend unto my loving wife, Leah Fox, all my Estate of every kind and sort, during her natural life or widowhood, that shall be remaining after my debts are paid. At my wife's marriage or death I give unto my son, Jeremiah Fox, one negroe boy named Lewey. I give unto my daughter, Martha Fox, one negroe woman named Lucy, and one feather bed and furniture. I give unto my son, Joseph Fox, one negro boy named Obediah and one feather bed and furniture. I also give unto my daughter, Elizabeth Fox, one negro girl named Milley, commonly called Milley Charlotte, and one feather bed and furniture. Whereas I stand bound as security for my son, George Fox, in a bond of considerable amount, my will and desire is that should my Estate suffer by said securityship that he receive from my Estate the sum of Forty shillings in full for his legacy, but should my Estate not suffer by the said securityship then my will and desire is that he have an equal share in the division of the residue of my Estate at the death of my loving wife with my other six children hereafter named. At the death of my beloved wife, Leah Fox, my will and desire is that all the rest and residue of my Estate of every kind and sort be equally divided among my six children, to-wit, James Fox, John Fox, Jeremiah Fox, Martha Fox, Joseph Fox, and Elizabeth Fox, or their heirs, my further will and desire is that my Estate be not appraised. Lastly I appoint my brother, John Fox, and my son, James Fox, executors of this my last will and testament, and desire that they may not be held to give security for their transactions. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this thirty first day of August, 1804.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged for the last will and testament of Thomas Fox in presence of us:

Judith Willeroy
Henry Timberlake
John Drewry

THO. FOX (Seal)

At a Court of monthly session held for King William County at the Courthouse the 23rd of December, 1805.

This last will and testament of Thomas Fox, dec'd, was proved by the oaths of Henry Timberlake and John Drewry, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John Fox & James Fox, the executors therein named, a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of said will, they having taken the oath of executors entered into and acknowledged a bond according to law, which bond is ordered to be recorded.

Teste: Robert Pollard Cl.

A Copy Teste: Robert Pollard Cl.

WILL OF JAMES FOX (DIED 1840)

In the name of God Amen—I, James Fox, of King William County being in perfect health, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me—First I desire all my just debts may be paid, for which purpose I hereby order and direct my plantation called Queen Field to be sold, at the end of the year in which I may depart this life, which plantation consists of about eight hundred and twenty acres and includes the land purchased of the Trustees of Ralph Wormeley and of professors and masters of William and Mary College, also all the stock of mules, horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, plantation and house hold furniture, the land to be sold, one-third of the purchase money to be in cash, the balance to be divided in two equal payments one half at twelve months and the other half at two years from the day of sale the credit payments to be secured by good personal security and a deed of trust on the land, the crop of corn fodder and every species of property on said plantation belonging to me I also direct to be sold, and the money arising from such sales after paying all my just debts, I give and bequeath as follows, first to my niece, Mary Fox of the City of Richmond the sum of five hundred dollars, to her and her heirs forever provided she be living at the time of my decease, if not that sum to be divided among my executors hereafter to be named—

JAMES FOX

Item I give and bequeath also out the money arising from the sales I have directed to be made after paying my just debts to Martin Drewry of this county and George Drewry of Henrico County to them & their heirs one thousand dollars in trust for the use and benefit of my niece Polly Armstrong and her children, they to pay to her the said Polly Armstrong the interest annually they may accrue on said money, and at her death to be equally divided among all her children.

Item I give and bequeath also out of the money arising as above described, one thousand dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item Whereas I stand bound as security for Drewry Fox, my nephew, in the following named bonds to Mary Fox in the sum of

four [hundred?] and four dollars bond dated in October 1836—to Nathaniel H. Ragland in the sum of two hundred dollars bond dated in March 1838—Otockan Slaughter for this county for the sum of twelve hundred & forty dollars, bond dated 21st Augt. 1828 & on demand; and also to Miles Gardner the sum of two hundred dollars bond due the first of January 1839 and I have given my own individual bond to the said Gardner for the sum of one hundred & twenty dollars for the hire of a negro man from him for the use of the said Drewry Fox the present year also to a Mr. Whiting for the sum of fifty dollars for the hire of a negroe woman for the use of the said D. Fox the present year, and whereas the said Drewry Fox and his wife Maria Theresa did on the 27th day of Septr 1839 execute a deed of trust to Herbert A. Claiborne of the city of Richmond to secure or indemnify me as security for him to the three first above recited bonds viz: the one to Mary Fox, the one to Ragland and the other to Otockan Slaughter, the said trust deed is given for the land whereon the said Drewry Fox now resides, lying in Hanover County, but it is thought that there are so many prior deeds of trust given on said land that I shall not be benefited by the one made for my benefit, now it is my will and desire should the said Drewry Fox pay off settle in any way whatever all the debts I stand bound for him as also those two that I gave for the hire of the man from Miles Gardner and the woman from a Mr. Whiting, I say then and in that case I request my executors hereafter to be named to convey all the rite, title & interest I or my estate may have under a deed of bargain and sale from the said Drewry Fox and Maria Theresa his wife dated on the nineteenth day of January 1839 to
for the benefit & use of the said Maria Theresa and the children she may have by the said Drewry Fox. I do not know that it will be necessary for my executors to execute any deed of conveyance to said
for the use and benefit of the said Maria Theresa & her children by said Drewry Fox, I suppose it is sufficient, that I say should the said Drewry Fox his heirs executors or administrators settle all the debts that I am bond for him as described above except the one to O Slaughter whether it be under the deed of trust made for my benefit or any other way, then I give and bequeath to the said Maria Theresa during her natural life and after her death to the children she may

have by the said Drewry Fox all the estate (right) title interest that I may have under the aforesaid deed of bargain & sale in and to the estate of Thomas Baker, decd. also in and to the plantation whereon he the said Drewry Fox and his wife at present reside.

JAMES FOX

Item I give to my wife all the negroes with their increase that came by her, or that I got title & possession of by said marriage with her to her and her heirs forever, also all the house hold and kitching furnature carriage or carriages, all the stock of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, and hogs that are at this place and plantation utensils including my waggon which mostly are at Queenfield to her and her heirs forever—

Item I loan to my wife (during her natural life) the tract of land on which I reside [Retreat] and the tract usually called Chicks also all the remainder of the slaves at this place and after her decease it is my will and desire those two tracts of land be sold, and out of proceeds of sale her heirs two thousand dollars to be distributed among [them] according to law, unless she directs otherwise by will.

Item as soon as the Queenfield tract of land is sold it is my will that all the rest and residue of my slaves there that did not come by my wife, which I have above bequeathed to her, be delivered over to the Virginia State Colonising Society to be by them hired out during my wife's life, and at her death I hereby order them to be liberated & those also left my wife during life and that the said Colonisation Society send them to Liberia in Africa and that the funds arising from the hire of those that came in possession of

from Queenfield be used for the purpose of transporting them there, should that not be sufficient I will & desire that they the said Colonisation Society hire out all of them until they shall receive from such hiring (funds sufficient) to transporting them, nevertheless any others that may be choose to remain slaves they shall be at liberty to choose their master and the money arising from said sale to be appropriated to removing & settling those that may be sent to Affrica.



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